



“When you enrol in the Bachelor of Taxation you will receive a range of materials and facilities to support your learning.”

### Comprehensive study materials

Students receive a folder of comprehensive study materials for each course. The study materials, written by academic staff, bring together the key learning content and concepts for the course, readings, legislation and journal articles, past exam papers and learning activities.

### My eLearning Vista – An online portal

My eLearning Vista is an online portal of study materials, readings, past exam papers, bulletin board and email facilities. Students can interact with their lecturer via email or join online study groups and discussion groups.

### Audio Conferences

Students can take part in audio conferences which link them with their lecturer and other students to discuss and debate topics and enhance their understanding and knowledge. The audio conferences, held 4 times per semester, provide a forum for students to develop skills in expressing ideas and defending them. If students cannot attend an audio conference, they can download a streamed audio recording of the event from iLecture on My eLearning Vista.

### Library Access

Students can access the library located in the Faculty of Law building and also the UNSW library in Sydney. They enjoy online access to electronic documents, books, reference materials and journals. Support is provided for reciprocal borrowing at other Australian University libraries.

### Regional Classes

One day regional classes are held once per semester, per course, in major cities in Australia. Regional classes provide an opportunity for students in the flexible distance mode to meet their lecturer and other students and work through practical, business oriented problems that relate to their course materials.

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The Australian School of Taxation in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales is the largest tax school in any university in Australia.

We bring together a team of expert academic staff with backgrounds in tax, law, commerce, accounting and economics. Our staff are practitioners and academics with close links to the tax, legal, financial planning and accounting professions.

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## UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE

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## Choose a degree that's at the heart of business

Nearly every commercial transaction, from company mergers and acquisitions to share trading or financial structuring, involves taxation. It's at the heart of business.

The Bachelor of Taxation degree at the University of New South Wales equips students with the skills, knowledge, critical abilities and professional recognition to become a taxation specialist, a commercial professional or an accountant. It is accredited by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia as a degree which qualifies for entry to the CPA Program and CA Program provided the accounting electives have been completed.

### Career Opportunities

- Accountant
- Corporate tax specialist
- Financial planner
- Taxation specialist in private practice (eg KPMG, Ernst & Young)
- Taxation specialist in public practice (eg Federal Treasury, State Revenue Offices, Australian Tax Office)
- Tax agent

“The flexible delivery mode offered by Atax enables me to complete my studies at times which complement my work commitments and the course material has assisted me greatly in the performance of my job.”

Degree	Bachelor of Taxation
UAC code	426004
UAI 2009	80.00
Major studies	Accounting, commercial law, economics, taxation
How long	3 FT / 6 PT
Mode	Flexible distance (regional classes, audio conferences, My eLearning Vista)
More info	<a href="http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au">www.handbook.unsw.edu.au</a>

### Sample program - full time study

<b>Year 1</b>
Accounting 1
Accounting 2
Computer Information Systems
Framework of Commercial Law
Macroeconomics, Government and the Economy
Microeconomics and the Australian Tax System
Principles of Australian Taxation Law
Tax Administrative Law
<b>Year 2</b>
Critical Perspectives and Ethics
Intermediate Financial Accounting
Law of Companies, Trusts and Partnerships
Taxation of Companies, Trusts and Partnerships
3 elective courses
General education courses
<b>Year 3</b>
7 elective courses
General education courses

### Elective Courses

Accounting for Complex Structures and Instruments*	Taxation of Capital Gains
Auditing and Assurance Services*	Taxation of Corporate Finance
Business Finance*	Taxation of Corporations
GST: Design and Structure	Taxation of Employee Remuneration
International Tax: Design and Structure	Taxation of Industry and Technology
Management Accounting*	Taxation of Property Transactions
Principles of Australian International Taxation	Taxation of Superannuation
Principles of GST Law	Taxation of Trusts
Quantitative Analysis*	
Tax Administration Process	
Taxation and Investment Regulation in China	

\*These courses must be studied by students wishing to attain professional accounting accreditation.

### What are the entry requirements?

In 2009, the UAI for entry to the Bachelor of Taxation was 80.00.

### Are there any alternative entry paths?

Yes there are alternative entry paths open to non-school leavers who:

- hold a Certificate IV or above from TAFE or an accredited private provider, with a credit or above average and no failures
- have passed a Tertiary Admissions Program – see [www.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/undergrad/sad/entryreq.html](http://www.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/undergrad/sad/entryreq.html)

### Are there any exemptions for prior study?

Students who have undertaken relevant prior study at other institutions (including TAFE), may be eligible for exemptions for a maximum of 8 courses. To see if this applies to you, please visit [www.atax.unsw.edu.au/study/exemptions.htm](http://www.atax.unsw.edu.au/study/exemptions.htm)

### How many courses?

Students study 24 courses in the Bachelor of Taxation. Full time students usually study 4 courses in each semester; part time students usually study 2 courses in each semester.

### What's the workload?

Each course is taught over a 12 week semester. All Bachelor of Taxation courses are offered by flexible distance, which for most courses includes 4 audio conferences plus a regional class. To give yourself the best opportunity to excel as a student, 10-12 hours study per week on each course is recommended.

### Do I have the flexibility to combine my studies with work?

Yes! The Bachelor of Taxation is only offered by flexible distance, so you have the additional flexibility to combine your study with any part time or full time work.

### What is flexible distance study?

Flexible distance study allows students to enrol in the Bachelor of Taxation and study from wherever they are in Australia. It combines audio conferences, regional classes held in major cities across Australia, My eLearning Vista which is an online portal, plus a comprehensive folder of course materials. Students studying in Sydney can access all student facilities at UNSW.

### Is the degree recognised by the professional bodies?

The UNSW Bachelor of Taxation degree is accredited by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) as a degree which qualifies for entry to the CPA Program and the CA Program provided the Accounting electives have been completed.

Some BTax graduates have also used their Atax qualifications to become registered tax agents. The Bachelor of Taxation will also count towards membership of other bodies such as the NIA, ATMA, and the TIA—even if the full accounting stream is not followed.

### How do I apply?

Applications for the Bachelor of Taxation program are made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au). UAC on-time applications close on 30 September 2009. There is only one intake per year.

## Leanne Dyke

Final Year, Bachelor of Taxation



### Why study taxation?

Taxation from a theoretical perspective is an interesting area of the law; it has many intricacies and is subject to frequent changes. Furthermore, the scope of the attitudes and responses of the community to taxation, ranging from willing compliance to blatant deviousness, and its wider economic objectives and impacts make for fascinating study.

### Why did you choose the Bachelor of Taxation at UNSW?

I joined the Australian Taxation Office Cadet Program after finishing Year 12. As part of the cadet program, I elected to complete a Bachelor of Taxation. The flexible delivery mode offered by Atax enables me to complete my studies at times which complement my work commitments and the course material has assisted me greatly in the performance of my job.

### What are your plans after you graduate?

My foremost plans are to continue working at the Australian Taxation Office, travel and, eventually, pursue further studies in the areas of taxation and law. I would particularly like to travel around Australia and Europe and undertake study in the area of taxation litigation.

