

## International and European Taxation (F000838)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 3.0** **Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 2) English Gent lecture

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

Derthoo, Patrick EB22 lecturer-in-charge  
Maurau, Bob EB22 co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

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<a href="#">Master of Science in Teaching in Economics(main subject Business Economics)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Economics (main subject Accountancy)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Economics (Double Degree)(main subject Accountancy)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Economics (Double Degree)(main subject Corporate Finance)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Economics (main subject Corporate Finance )</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Economics (Double Degree)(main subject Marketing)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Economics (main subject Marketing)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Complementary Studies in Business Economics(main subject Taxation )</a>	3	A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Tax law, Non residents tax, international law, conventions for the avoidance of double taxation, European law

**Position of the course**

Internationalization is one of the main characteristics of present-day economic life. The most important actors in international economic life are multinational enterprises and their leaders and staff. Inevitably this internationalization has numerous connections with taxation. A tax lawyer or tax adviser who is active on the highest level cannot function properly without understanding and knowing the problems of international and European tax law. Customers count on it that their adviser enlightens them on all problems and opportunities of international and European principles and rules.

So the course connects with almost every other tax course in the program. It examines the tax consequences of connections between the several branches of taxation and the principles of international tax law and European treaties.

The literature on international and European tax law is characterized by a huge diversity and contrariety of opinions. These opinions are weighed out against each other in a way that is legally and socially justified.

**Contents**

Part I International taxation

Principles

- Tax sovereignty and territoriality
- Belgian tax law
- taxation of non residents
- unilateral measures

- Treaty law
- scope and definitions
- partition of power to tax
- methods for elimination of double taxation
- non discrimination
- mutual assistance
- interpretation of treaties
- Economic double taxation
- Multinational enterprises
- hidden transfer of profits
- international tax planning
- deduction of losses

#### Special questions

- Permanent establishment
- Human rights
- Transfer pricing and the European treaty of July 23, 1990
- Sources of international and European tax law
- Influence of European law on double taxation conventions
- Triangular cases
- Historical and actual comparison with the Netherlands

#### Part II European taxation

- Essence and history
- Position of taxes in European law
- Indirect taxes
- customs duties
- non discrimination
- VAT
- Direct taxes
- Historical evolution
- Negative integration
- non discrimination
- prohibition of restrictions
- Positive integration (directives and proposals)

#### **Initial competences**

The course requires a normal knowledge and capacity to apply the thinking and working methods in tax law or taxation.

#### **Final competences**

- 1 *Knowledge* : a good knowledge of international and European taxation.
- 2 *Skills*: ability to analyse the texts and sources thoroughly and critically
- 3 *Skills* : ability to identify problems
- 4 *Skills* : ability to solve complex problems in an autonomous and creative way
- 5 *Skills* : ability to do scientific-legal research in the field of international and European tax law
- 6 *Skills* : ability to communicate in writing;
- 7 *Attitudes* : readiness to self-study and life long learning
- 8 *Attitudes* : autonomy, creativity, critical attitude and sense of responsibility.

9 *Knowledge* : mastering the scientific-legal research methodology of the subject;

#### **Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

#### **Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

#### **Teaching methods**

Lecture

#### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

The teaching methods for the courses International and European taxation is ex cathedra lessons.

#### **Study material**

Type: Slides

Name: International and European Taxation

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : English

Number of Slides : 1000

Available on Ufora : Yes

Additional information: Comments on OECD Model treaty can also be used as further guidance on the course material.

#### **References**

The references are mentioned in the syllabus.

#### **Course content-related study coaching**

The study coaching for the ex cathedra lessons and the guest lectures has no particular characteristics.

#### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

#### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

#### **Extra information on the examination methods**

Periodical: written examination, during which the students can use their codes, the OECD-model, the OECD-commentaries and the E.C. case law.

The examination examines the knowledge, the insight, the scientific and methodical thinking ability to solve problems, and the skill to written communication, to make sure that the student understands and knows the whole course.

#### **Calculation of the examination mark**