

# TAX TALKS

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## 101 | Master of Taxation

Have you ever thought about doing a Master of Taxation? If yes, this episode is for you.

### Master of Taxation

UNSW runs a Master of Taxation (MTax) program and so do a few other universities. We wanted to know more and so met with Michael Walpole, the Head of School of the UNSW School of Taxation and Business Law. Here is a short glimpse of what we learned but the interview above with Michael gives a much better overview.

#### # 1 Is the Master of Taxation program a relatively new program?

The MTax program started long after the Master of Business Administration (MBA) but already has a few decades under its belt as well. It is now well established, known and respected.

#### # 2 Is MTax a universal abbreviation like MBA?

MTax stands for Master of Taxation. And yes, this is pretty much the generally used abbreviation in Australia.

#### # 3 How is the MTax different to the CTA or other programs?

The Chartered Tax Adviser program is run by The Tax Institute. And is a pretty thorough program at a high technical level. The difference is depth. The MTax dives much deeper into issues.

#### # 4 Who does an MTax at UNSW?

All students have at least 2 years of practical experience. Nobody comes straight from a Bachelor all the way through to finishing an MTax. There are always at least 2 years of actually working in tax.

Most students are based in Melbourne or Sydney. Face-to-face courses are based in Sydney. But the online courses you can access from anywhere in Australia or overseas.

#### # 5 How many students do an MTax at UNSW at any given time?

About 200 – give or take a few.

#### # 6 Who lectures?

Nobody lectures in the MTax program without practical experience. Most lecturers have worked in tax for a number of years and have come to academic life as a second career. Some lecturers are practice based but that is the minority.

### # 7 Which universities in Australia offer an MTax program?

[UNSW](#), [University of Sydney](#), [Melbourne University](#), [Curtin University](#), Griffith University and others.

All this is just our brief take on the issue, but please listen to the episode above. Michael Walpole explains all this in a much better way than we ever could.

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