A specialization in accounting and taxation offers great opportunities for a successful international career in financial management, advisory services, strategy and M&A consulting, banking, and auditing. Many industry leaders and chief executives (CFOs and CEOs) have a strong background in accounting and taxation because solid knowledge in these fields is a prerequisite for successful management. But we also prepare our students excellently for an academic career in research. In fact, many business professors in German-speaking countries (and even internationally) received their academic training in Mannheim’s Area Accounting & Taxation.

“The Area Accounting & Taxation at the University of Mannheim teaches technical, methodological and social skills which prepare graduates very well for future management positions in companies. For my career in the management of the MDAX company Fuchs Petrolub SE, this well-founded academic education was the key to a rapid professional advancement.”

Dr. Timo Reister
Executive Vice President Asia Pacific, Member of the Executive Board, Fuchs Petrolub SE

“Regardless of whether companies operate regionally or internationally – taxes play a role in every decision. As one of the world’s leading international tax consulting firms, PwC supports companies in complex tax issues – from the initial idea to its actual implementation. Creative and individual consulting approaches as well as interdisciplinary know-how are a basic prerequisite for developing tailor-made solutions together with our clients. I still benefit from the knowledge I have gained at the University of Mannheim and especially the Area Accounting & Taxation.”

Dr. Ralf U. Braunagel
Partner M&A Tax, PwC

“Today’s digitalization era the role of finance has also extremely changed. In my role as CFO of SAP Germany, as well as in my new role as Chief Accounting Officer, megatrends such as robotics, machine learning and real-time analytics require strong analytical skills, as well as the willingness and openness to continuously disrupt and transform a traditional finance organization and its established processes. Still today I benefit from having been prepared for such challenges at the University of Mannheim and especially the Area of Accounting & Taxation, where a heightened focus is always on solving problems by challenging the status quo and striking new paths.”

Dr. Christopher Sessar
CFO, SAP Germany

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, and specifically the Area Accounting & Taxation, had a tremendous impact on my life. Mannheim provided me with a solid foundation in audit and accounting. I also learned, that with fairness, teamwork and commitment, it is easy to achieve every goal. Today, I am proud to work for KPMG, serving clients in our offices in New York, Zurich and Frankfurt. And we continue to recruit top talents from Mannheim.”

Dr. Stephan Kaiser
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- Tax Planning
- Tax Transparency
- Tax Aspects of Digitalization and Innovation
- Tax Law

The Area Accounting & Taxation builds part of the Business School. The faculty is comprised by Jannis Bischof, Stephen Campbell, Holger Daske, Philipp Dörrenberg, Reeyarn Li, Katharina Nicolelay, Stefan Reichelstein, Dirk Simons, Christoph Spengel, Johannes Vogt, Jens Wüstemann, Nicolas Wolfin, and our doctoral students.

RESEARCH

The Area Accounting & Taxation is one of the largest research groups in German-speaking countries. The Area is committed to excellence and international visibility in research. There is a active research community that frequently brings together faculty, doctoral students, and visitors for research workshops, conferences, and internal brown bag seminars.

Recent publications include The Accounting Review, American Economic Journal, Contemporary Accounting Research, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Finance, and Journal of Public Economics. Faculty members are on the editorial board of various leading academic journals and frequently present their work on prestigious international conferences.

The Area Accounting & Taxation offers a large number of courses that MMM students can choose as electives. There is a wide range of both high-level introductory courses and highly specialized field courses. We also offer two seminars each semester (one in accounting and one in taxation).

The accounting program is organized around five main fields of study: German GAAP, International Accounting (IFRS), Group Accounting, Financial Statement Analysis and Managerial Accounting. There is a core module for each field and, in addition, students can elect more specialized courses that build on these fundamentals. The tax program can be excellently interwoven with the Tax Law module that the Law School at the University of Mannheim offers.

All courses offer a combination of relevant insights from recent academic research and practical application. Many of our adjunct professors and guest lecturers are business leaders who bring their outstanding practical experience into the classroom and enrich our curriculum. Needless to say that our courses are held in English (unless we deal with the very specifics of German law).

CURRICULUM

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