

Module: TAX 451 Case Study Competition on Tax Transparency**Contents:**

Several leaks, including the “Panama Papers”, and public outrage about excessive profit shifting of taxable profits by global corporations have turned taxation into a reputational issue for businesses. Also, on the political agenda, tax transparency has been gaining importance and regulations in that field have increased substantially world-wide.

This course, offered jointly with a well-known tax advisory firm, gives an overview of current topics in the field of tax transparency. Students will elaborate on the guiding principles and implementation of a supra-national initiative, e.g. the European Council Directive “DAC6” mandating the reporting of aggressive tax planning arrangements, the Country-by-Country Reporting or the automatic exchange of tax information.

The participants will form groups of three to five students and analyze the implementation of a supra-national initiative in a specific country. The results will be presented in class. In a subsequent group discussion, the fundamental deviations in the local implementations are compared and elaborated in the light of the circumstances of the respective countries. In this way, students gain insights into the political dimension of taxation and into the comparably new field of tax transparency while simultaneously enhancing their presentation skills. In addition, students will also receive individual feedback from a mentor.

Learning outcomes:

After completing this course, students will be able to

1. Understand and analyze current topics on tax transparency, including its relevance, political dimension and practical implementation.
2. Understand and discuss different perspectives on tax transparency.
3. Create a professional presentation to communicate the results of the case study in a persuasive way.

Prerequisites:**Formal:**

Recommended: Basic knowledge in accounting and/or taxation (e.g. course TAX 303)

Obligatory registration: yes

Further Information on registration:

Website of the Chair

Courses	Hours per week	Self-study
Seminar	1	5
ECTS in total		3
Form of assessment	Written elaboration and presentation of a case study	
Preliminary course work	-	
Lecturer/Person in charge	Prof. Dr. Christoph Spengel	
Duration of module	1 semester	
Offering	Spring semester	
Language	English	
Program-specific educational goals	LG 1, LG 2, LG,4	
Grade	graded	
Range of application	B.Sc. Business Administration	