# **TRANSFER PROJECT/MASTER'S THESIS**

- Together with their mentors, students will work on a transfer project which addresses a practical problem from their respective workplaces that is linked to the broad content of the master's programme. This will provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and abilities in addressing and solving matters of tax policy, tax legislation and tax administration using a project-based approach. The transfer project should subsequently culminate in a master's thesis.
- ATAF will award prizes for outstanding transfer projects and master's thesis and further recognise such projects and theses through publication in various peer-reviewed working-paper series (e.g. the ATAF working-paper series).

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- An internationally recognised degree: Master of Arts in Tax Policy and Tax Administration
- A certificate after the participation in the required modules and electives
- Studying in Germany and South Africa
- Lectures, interactive seminars and workshops, and individual work on a transfer project
- Benefits derived from the international environment, highly skilled international academics, as well as professional international guest lecturers
- International exchange with leading practitioners on European and African public-revenue systems
- Visits to some of Africa's leading public-finance organisations, e.g. the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and ATAF, the international organisation on tax administration
- Visits to European public-finance institutions, e.g. the German Federal Ministry of Finance, German tax offices, the German parliament and the EU Commission.
- BSEL and the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg have a long standing cooperation and are committed to further deepening their ties through this programme.

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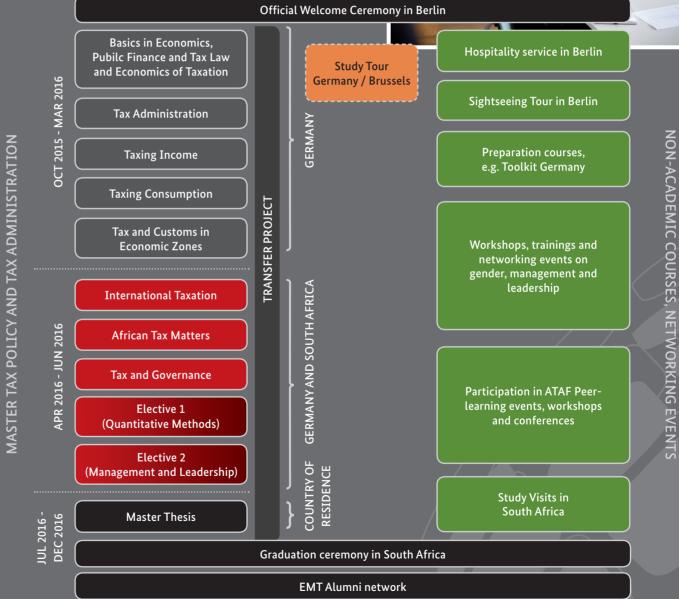


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#### COURSE STRUCTURE

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## **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

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The Executive Master's in Taxation (EMT) is a multidisciplinary degree programme designed to expose African tax practitioners to concepts and theories in the area of Public Finance, Tax Legislation, Applied Tax Policy and Tax Administration. The programme takes into account both strategic and operational aspects, using a primarily project-based and applied approach. It is a unique degree programme with a strong African and international focus. The programme is designed for experienced tax officials, policy-makers and tax practitioners who wish to enhance their expertise in taxation and obtain an internationally recognised graduate degree in the field.

This full-time, 15-month master's programme is a joint initiative by the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) aiming at strengthening the capacities of future decision makers in the field of tax policy and tax administration.

At the core of the EMT programme are the Master studies "Tax Policy and Tax Administration" provided by the Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL). Additional extra-curricular activities and networking opportunities are offered to maximise students' learning opportunities.

Students engaging in the programme will benefit from two excellent study locations - Germany and South Africa enabling them to garner experiences from different professional and cultural settings.