



US Citizen Graduate Student Taxes: A Guide

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Tax season is here! Get some tips from us!

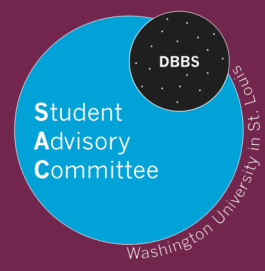
**“‘Tis impossible to be
sure of any thing
but Death and Taxes”**

**- *The Cobbler of Preston*
by Christopher Bullock**

**We know, taxes suck. That’s why we put together
this easy infographic with the basics of taxes.**

Disclaimer: We are not tax professionals. We have made this document out of the goodness of our hearts. Please do not sue us if your taxes aren’t done correctly.

Dear International students, we know you’re here and we appreciate and welcome you. Unfortunately, this document is not for you. Please seek help from the Office of International Students and Scholars. We’ll generate one for you next year.



Annually you must file:

Federal 1040

St. Louis City Earnings Tax

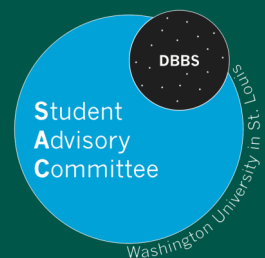
State 1040

One for your state of residency

One for each state where you earned money

Let's break this down in to three sections:

- 1. Federal**
- 2. State**
- 3. City**



Federal 1040

Line 1: Total income amount from WashU. You can find this amount on your W2 or Stipend letter.

Abbreviation: SCH (for Stipend letter)

Note: At the end of GR2, you may get a W2 or a Stipend letter, and in some instances you may get both. Make sure you note the correct one.

Any other income is added to this line, as well

The rest of the lines pertain to “schedules” that you will need to look through and determine if they apply to your situation.

For example:

- 1** American Opportunity Tax Credit is available for your first four years of higher education - Grad school is likely not applicable
- 2** Lifelong Learning Credit - only available if *you* paid tuition (Tuition payment from WashU does not count)

State 1040

You might qualify as a resident, part-year resident, or non-resident, so check the rules.

If you fall into more than one category, try filling it out both ways and choose the one where you pay the least

For each state in which you are filing, you must report your **TOTAL** income, regardless of which state you earned it in.



There is a place to put the percentage earned in each state.

St Louis City Earnings Tax

If you are a St. Louis Resident or earn money within St. Louis City (this means grad students), then you must file city earnings tax. This is 1% of your total income (pre-deductions).

Pro-tip: If you received a W2, then your city taxes have already been taken out

If you made \$30,000 stipend from WashU, then you owe \$300!

Great news! You only have to pay this at the end of the fiscal year!
No quarterly dues!

You will need:

1. [Form E-1](#)
2. Check for 1% of total income
 - Made out to Gregory F.X. Daly, Collector of Revenue
3. Copy of your Stipend Letter

Mail these to:

Gregory F.X. Daly, Collector of Revenue

1200 Market Street, Room 410 St. Louis, MO 63103

