The main difference between creating an ecommerce site and a non-ecommerce site seems to be connecting to an ecommerce platform as well as a payment gateway. This comes from the fact that for ecommerce sites you need a way for people to actually be able to pay for your product, versus on a non-ecommerce site, people don’t have to pay for anything. There is also a choice of coding your own ecommerce handling, which involved accounts, carts, handling shipping, and a lot more, but it seems a lot easier to connect to an ecommerce platform.

As far as how an ecommerce site would handle calculating/charging different states sales tax and shipping, I would hope that the ecommerce platform would have functionality built in to do this automatically, but if not, then you could have some code built in that references a table to handle what the different tax rates are. I would definitely chose to have a platform handle this form me though.