

Introduction to Taxation ACCT 355/ACCT 380K.11 Uniques: 02400, 02405, 02595, 02600, 02601 (ACC364 = 02455)

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### **Course Objectives**

- Gain an understanding of the theory and "language" of taxation.
- Establish a broad understanding of the tax policy framework from which we can make informed decisions as voters. Identify tax policy issues suggested by or underlying particular provisions of the tax law.
- Show how taxation affects the economic decisions of multiple parties to a transaction. Build an appreciation for the importance of tax considerations in financial transactions.
- ♦ Teach sufficient detail about tax laws to provide a basic knowledge for all the students who are future taxpayers and the subset of students who become tax advisors. Apply basic tax rules and regulations to compute the taxable income and federal income tax liability for individual and corporate taxpayers.

# **Required Materials**

- Principles of Taxation for Business and Investment Planning by Jones and Rhoades-Catanach. I will be using the 2019 version with McGraw-Hill Connect. The bookstore is ordering the loose-leaf edition w/Connect access as ISBN# 9781260561425. You can also purchase the Connect-only access, which includes the full e-book, for \$122 direct from McGraw-Hill. Those instructions will be on Canvas.
- Chapter 17 (Accounting for Income Taxes) of <u>Taxation of Individuals and Business Entities</u> by Spilker et al. This individual chapter can be purchased from McGraw Hill as an ebook for \$7.31. To purchase this ebook, go to <a href="http://create.mheducation.com/shop/">http://create.mheducation.com/shop/</a> then enter ISBN: 9781307293647

# **Course Requirements and Grading**

Your grade in the course will be determined as follows:

Exam 1 in class Feb 25	100
Exam 2 in class April 3	100
Exam 3 in class May 1	100
Final Exam	200
Tax return projects (partnership 20, individual 20, analytics 20)	60
McGraw-Hill Connect SmartBook (complete 10 out of 18 x 4 pts each)	<u>40</u>
Total (standard)	600
Help Dr. Mills with Research (may or may not be used this semester)	50
Total (if research assignment used)	650

Note re Research: "What Starts Here Changes the World!" UT is a "Research 1" school. We create knowledge in addition to educating students. Some semesters I involve students in my research. If you want to see what sorts of things I work on, go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/zwq2nj3">https://tinyurl.com/zwq2nj3</a>

Grades are based on mastery of the material. We use plus/minus grading for all sections of the course. I expect to award a few B-'s and C's, many B's, and some B+/A-/A's with an overall course GPA around 3.3.

I believe that this difficult material often requires repeat exposure to master, and life throws unexpected hurdles. Thus, I will evaluate your final course grade substituting your final exam percentage score (if better) for worse midterm scores. For example, if your midterms were 82%, 60% and 72%, and you scored an 80% on the final exam, I would evaluate your final grade based on 82%, 80% and 80% midterms and 80% final exam. Because I substitute the final exam for poor midterms, I offer no midterm makeup exams, except for mandatory UT excused absences (e.g. athletic events). Choose to come or not, as your adult schedule permits. Note that most students do not do better on the final exam than on their midterms. I recommend that you study hard and take all exams. Regrade requests for the midterm exams must be submitted to me in writing within 3 business days after exams are returned in class.

By UT-Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project to observe a religious holiday, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

# **Description of Requirements**

The exams will be a combination of multiple choice questions (which may be conceptual or numeric), short essay questions, and problems. The comprehensive final exam will be all multiple choice.

One 4-inch x 6-inch notecard full of notes (two-sided front and back) will be allowed for each exam. Use of the card is optional and not required. I will ask you to hand in your notecard with your exam. I will provide any present value, depreciation tables, and tax rate information needed to solve the problems on the exam. You will not be allowed to use your book or any other notes during exams.

An assignment is due for nearly every class—either an exam, a SmartBook assignment on Connect, or a project.

- I have evaluated the Connect LearnSmart materials they provide great "active learning" tools to engage you with the reading material, to help you with conceptual and definitional material, and to increase retention of the numerous small details in taxation. Your using these tools outside class will help us spend more time in class reinforcing the framework to hang these details on, then on solving more difficult problems together.
- The syllabus lists two tax return group projects that conclude with an analytics assignment to compare your taxpayer to others nationally. I will test the assignment to deter free-riding.
- Finally, the attached schedule recommends end-of-chapter problems and prior exam questions. Solutions will be posted on Canvas, but you should invest effort to work them independently I adapt many exam questions from the assigned homework, prior exams, and from the questions posed by Connect in the LearnSmart exercises, so your effort will be rewarded.

### Class Participation

Group sharing and problem-solving activity will be an integral component of your in-class experience, although I do not grade participation explicitly. You contribute to the class learning environment in the following ways:

- helping classmates solve recommended out-of-class problems,
- expressing your opinion in class discussions and volunteering answers to problems worked in class,
- posting questions, solutions, or current events links and summaries to the class web site,
- asking questions during class or posting questions to the class web site. I (and the rest of the class) appreciate the student who says "slow down, I'm confused."

#### **Students with Disabilities**

Upon request, the University of Texas at Austin provides appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 512-471-6259, <a href="http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/">http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/</a>. Please notify me of any such needs within two weeks of the first exam.

# **McCombs Classroom Professionalism Policy**

The highest professional standards are expected of all members of the McCombs community. Faculty are expected to be professional and prepared to deliver value for each and every class session. Students are expected to be professional in all respects.

The Texas MPA classroom experience is enhanced when:

- Students arrive on time.
- Students display their name cards every day. Cold-calling is fair game.
- Students minimize unscheduled personal breaks.
- Students are fully prepared for each class.
- Laptops and other wireless devices are used only for class engagement. Non-class use distracts you and your classmates.
- Hold overly specific questions until outside of class, and expect that some of your questions will require some research.
- Provide constructive feedback; I consider all suggestions carefully
- Students respect the views and opinions of their colleagues and participate in making sure all views are included. See below I continue to work against implicit bias and appreciate your help too!

#### Research on classroom bias

## By instructors:

Soraya Chemaly, Time, 12 February 2015

"The impact of unconscious teacher bias is long understood and well-documented. This new research confirms decades of work done by Myra and David Sadker and Karen R. Zittleman. Through thousands of hours of classroom observations, the Sadkers and Zittleman identified specific ways in which implicit and stereotypical ideas about gender govern classroom dynamics. They, as others have, found that teachers spend up to two thirds of their time talking to male students; they also are more likely to interrupt girls but allow boys to talk over them."

# Katherine Taylor, New York Times, 8 September 2013:

"The country's premier business training ground was trying to solve a seemingly intractable problem. Year after year, women who had arrived with the same test scores and grades as men fell behind. Attracting and retaining female professors was a losing battle; from 2006 to 2007, a third of the female junior faculty left."

#### By students:

Economist, 23 January 2016

"Teachers could also benefit from a bit more of the scrupulous attention paid on modern campuses to sexual equality. Earlier analysis by Ben Schmidt of Northeastern University showed the that language used to describe professors was heavily gender-dependent. Men were more likely than women to be described as 'intelligent' or 'funny', but less likely to be described as 'nice' or 'mean'."

### Economist, 23 September 2017 – Business School experiment

"...evaluations place female instructors an average of 37 slots below male ones. Students taught by women gave lower ratings even to teaching materials that were the same for all course instructors... [despite the fact that] female instructors added the same amount of value to students' learnings as did male instructors.... the bias was particularly pronounced in the case of junior instructors."

### **Class Web Site and Student Privacy**

Password-protected class sites will be available for all accredited courses taught at The University. Syllabi, handouts, assignments and other resources are types of information that may be available within these sites. Site activities could include exchanging email, engaging in class discussions and chats, and exchanging files. In addition, class email rosters will be a component of the sites. Students who do not want their names included in these electronic class rosters must restrict their directory information in the Office of the Registrar, Main Building, Room 1. see: <a href="http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi02-03/app/appc09/html">http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi02-03/app/appc09/html</a>. <a href="http://w

#### **Academic Dishonesty**

The McCombs School of Business has no tolerance for acts of scholastic dishonesty. The responsibilities of both students and faculty with regard to scholastic dishonesty are described in detail in the BBA Program's Statement on Scholastic Dishonesty at <a href="http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/BBA/Code-of-Ethics.aspx">http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/BBA/Code-of-Ethics.aspx</a>. By teaching this course, I have agreed to observe all faculty responsibilities described in that document. By enrolling in this class, you have agreed to observe all student responsibilities described in that document. If the application of the Statement on Scholastic Dishonesty to this class or its assignments is unclear in any way, it is your responsibility to ask me for clarification. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since dishonesty harms the individual, all students, the integrity of the University, and the value of our academic brand, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. You should refer to the Student Judicial Services website at <a href="http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/">http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/</a> to access the official University policies and procedures on scholastic dishonesty as well as further elaboration on what constitutes scholastic dishonesty.

I owe it to you to set rules that I can enforce, so that you don't worry that dishonest classmates gain an advantage.

*Exams:* Each student must complete the exams independently during the designated exam period. Do not refer to other students' exam solutions or discuss the exam with other students during the exam period. Do not send text messages or access prohibited materials during the exam. Students who have taken an exam are prohibited from discussing the exam with students who have not yet taken the exam. To help deter cheating, there will be multiple versions of each exam.

Electronic assignments/quizzes and tax return projects: On outside assignments, you may obtain outside help and work with others, including classmates, former students, finding copies of solutions, etc. Because I permit collaboration, I do not make outside work a large component of the grade.

### **Campus Safety**

Please note the following recommendations regarding emergency evacuation from the Office of Campus Safety and Security, 512-471-5767, <a href="http://www.utexas.edu/safety/">http://www.utexas.edu/safety/</a>:

- Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.
- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- Students requiring assistance in evacuation should inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class. In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors.
- Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.
- Further information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at: <a href="https://www.utexas.edu/emergency">www.utexas.edu/emergency</a>.

CAVEAT: This syllabus includes policies and plans for the course that may require adjustment as the course progresses. The instructor reserves the right to make changes at any time during the semester *with notice* to the class.

Reminder: All LearnSmart/Connect assignments are due by 7:30 am on the day assigned.

Learning Objectives	January 23	Introduction: Types of taxes	
Book   Chapter 1, Taxes and Taxing Jurisdictions	Learning Objectives	Course overview	
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February 4	Taxable Income from Business Operations	
Learning Objectives	Apply the cash method to measure taxable income	
	Apply the accrual method to measure taxable income	
Book	Chapter 6, Taxable Income from Business Operations	
Assignment	Chapter 6 complete LearnSmart on Connect	
Recommended		
For your interest	Mihir Desai's Congressional testimony on dual reporting.	
	https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/STMTDesaiHarvardBusine	
	<u>ss0.pdf</u>	
	(Note: Arguments in this testimony are focused on stock options, but	
	think about the broader arguments about having a dual reporting system	
	versus a single reporting system.)	
February 6	Taxable Income from Business Operations	
Learning Objectives	Understand choices for taxable year and accounting methods	
	Understand what types of inflows are considered taxable	
	Understand what types of outflows are considered deductible	
	Understand present value effects of NOLs	
Book	Chapter 6, Taxable Income from Business Operations	
Assignment	Optional Chapter 5 LearnSmart on Connect	
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February 11	Property Acquisitions	
Learning Objectives	Decide if expenditures should be expensed or capitalized	
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Learning Objectives	Distinguish between gain or loss realization and recognition
	Apply the installment method of accounting
	Identify capital gains and losses
	Identify and plan for Section 1231 assets Nonrecognition for related party losses and wash sales
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Book	Chapter 8, Property Dispositions
Assignment	Chapter 8 complete LearnSmart on Connect
February 20	Property Dispositions
Learning Objectives	Recapture of prior depreciation and prior year 1231 losses
	Netting and capital loss limitations
Book	Chapter 8, Property Dispositions
Recommended	CH8: QPD 4, 10, 11; AP 2, 6, 7, 9, 14, 20, 21, 26, 32, 44; TPC 1
February 25	Midterm Exam #1 in Class (100 pts)
obruary 20	This exam will cover Chapters 1-4 & 6-8 and topics discussed in class.
February 27	Nontaxable exchanges
Learning Objectives	Generic framework for nonrecognition and basis substitution
g - ~J	Exceptions for receipt of nonqualified property
Book	Chapter 9, Nontaxable Exchanges
Assignment	Chapter 9, Nontaxable Exchanges  Chapter 9 complete LearnSmart on Connect
For your interest	Federation of Exchange Accommodators homepage.
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	How does one actually go about doing a 1031 transaction? See what you
	find.
March 4	Nontaxable exchanges
Learning Objectives	Like kind exchanges, casualties, corporate and partnership formation
Learning Objectives	Limit losses under the wash sales provisions
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Book Other reading	Chapter 9, Nontaxable Exchanges
Other reading Recommended	example of 1031 facilitator: <a href="http://www.1031exchangecorp.com/">http://www.1031exchangecorp.com/</a> CH9: QPD 2, 9, 10; AP 1, 5, 12, 20, 29; CP 1
For your interest	A Primer on Wash Sales (Charles Schwab)
Tor your interest	https://www.schwab.com/resource-center/insights/content/a-primer-on-
	wash-sales
	See how investment brokers describe wash sales to the investing public.
March 6	Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	Understanding the nature of flow-through entities generally
	Reporting requirements for sole proprietorships Computing payroll and self-employment taxes
	Differentiating between share of partnership income and cash flows
Book	Chapter 10, Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships, LLCs, and S Corporations
Assignment	Chapter 10, sole Proprecional State of Competer
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March 11		Partnerships, LLCs and S Corporations
Learning O	bjectives	Basic rules for basis computation
		Limitations on losses arising from at-risk basis
		Determining eligibility for S Corporation status
		Contrasting partnership, LLC and S Corporations
Book		Chapter 10, Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships, LLCs, and S Corporations
Recommend	ded	CH10: AP 1, 4, 6, 13, 15, 18, 21, 30; TPC 4
For your in	iterest	The Tax Gap
		https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/the-tax-gap
		https://www.irs.gov/pub/newsroom/tax%20gap%20estimates%20for%20
		2008%20through%202010.pdf
		What is the "Tax Gap?" How much of it comes from Schedule C income
		(i.e., individual business income) and self-employment tax?
March 13		Corporations
Learning O	bjectives	Basic rules for taxing corporations
		Comparing partnership and corporation investments
		Reconciling book-tax differences: Schedules M-1 and M-3
Book		Chapter 11, The Corporate Taxpayer
Assignment		Chapter 11 complete LearnSmart on Connect
Recommend		CH11: QPD 7, 8, 9, 10; AP 1, 2, 5, 9, 12, 14, 20, 22, 24, 27
For your in		Book-Tax Differences and Internal Revenue Service Adjustments
_ 0_ 3 002		See Mills (1998) saved in the literature folder on Canvas
		How are reconciliations of book and taxable income useful to the IRS?
March 18		SPRING BREAK
March 20		SPRING BREAK
March 25		The Corporate Taxpayer
Learning O	bjectives	Overview of Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)
		Taxation of corporate distributions
		Credits that reduce tax
		Discuss corporate tax return project
Book		Chapter 11, The Corporate Taxpayer
March 27		<b>Entity Choice, Taxable Income from Business Operations</b>
Learning O	bjectives	Recap trade-offs in entity choice,
		Entity choices for and limitations on income-shifting/sheltering
Book		Chapter 12, The Choice of Business Entity
Assignment		Chapter 12 complete LearnSmart on Connect
Recommend		CH12: AP 5, 19
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April 1	Entity Choice, Taxable Income from Business Operations
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	Recap trade-offs in entity choice, Entity choices for and limitations on income-shifting/sheltering
Book Assignment	Chapter 12, The Choice of Business Entity work on entity project.
April 3	Midterm Exam #2 in Class (100 pts)
	This exam will cover Chapters 9-12 and topics discussed in class.
April 8	The Individual Tax Formula
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	Review structure of individual taxation: Filing status, income, deductions
Book Assignment Recommended	Chapter 14, The Individual Tax Formula Chapter 14 complete LearnSmart on Connect CH14: AP 2, 3, 4, 10, 13, 16, 22, 28, 32
April 10	Tax Consequences of Personal Activities
Learning Objectives	Individual deductions, credits Understanding income exceptions for individual taxation
Book Assignment	Chapter 17, Tax Consequences of Personal Activities Chapter 17 complete LearnSmart on Connect
April 15	Tax Consequences of Personal Activities
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	Understanding deductions unique to individual taxation
Book Recommended For your interest	Chapter 17, Tax Consequences of Personal Activities CH17: AP 1, 6, 9, 11, 15, 18, 22, 29 Education benefits: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-benefits-for-education-information-center">https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-benefits-for-education-information-center</a>
April 17	Compensation
Learning Objectives	Distinguishing employees from contractors Executive compensation limits and reasonable compensation Identify common fringe benefits Compare benefits of nonqualified versus qualified plans Distinguish between defined benefit plans and various defined contribution plans
Book Assignment Recommended	Chapter 15, Compensation and Retirement Planning Chapter 15 complete LearnSmart on Connect CH15: QPD 2, 5; AP 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 14, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28

Recommended	CH16: AP 3, 5, 12, 19, 22, 33, 36, 41; TPC 2, 5
Assignment	work on entity project
Book	Chapter 16, Investment and Personal Financial Planning
	Changing tax policy for capital income
	Computing tax on capital gains and losses
	Interest, dividends, insurance, annuities
Learning Objectives	Understanding different ways financial instruments are taxed:
April 24	Investment and Personal Financial Planning
	attention to the value of starting to save early in life.
	Play around with a retirement income calculator. Pay particular
	https://retirementplans.vanguard.com/VGApp/pe/pubeducation/calculators/RetirementIncomeCalc.jsf
For your interest	Retirement income calculator.
Assignment	Chapter 16 complete LearnSmart on Connect (reading ahead)
Book	Chapter 15, Compensation and Retirement Planning
	Describe the tax consequences of stock options
	Planning for retirement and college savings
Learning Objectives	Understanding the use of deferred compensation

This is exam will cover Chapters 14-17 and topics discussed in class.

May 6	Overview of Multijurisdictional Taxation
Learning Objectives	Compare worldwide vs. territorial taxation schemes Define nexus
Book	Chapters 13, Jurisdictional Issues in Business Taxation
Assignment	Chapter 13 complete LearnSmart on Connect
	Entity project forms due (15 pts)
Recommended	Ch 13: QPD 3, 6, 16; AP 1, 4, 9, 11, 12, 36, 37
For your interest	South Dakota v. Wayfair—The Supreme Court ruled on this tax case in October 2017.
	https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/17-494_j4el.pdf
	https://www.wsj.com/articles/us-supreme-court-rules-states-can-require
	online-merchants-to-collect-sales-taxes-1529591376
	A link to the actual Supreme Court decision on a case that changed 30
	years of tax law. Also, a WSJ article that summarizes the former.
	Multinational Tax Incentives and Offshored U.S. Jobs
	See Williams (2018) in the literature folder on Canvas
	When are taxes relevant to offshoring? When are they not? Why?
May 8	Accounting for Income Taxes (linking back to first 2/3 of course)
Learning Objectives	Understand conceptual difference between book and taxable income
	Contrast tax policy versus GAAP concepts for income measurement
	Apply specific rules to permanent and temporary differences
Book	Chapter 17, Accounting for Income Taxes, Spilker book.
Recommended	Prior exam problems
For your interest	Search for a public company's 10-K.
	https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html
	Find the tax footnote. What information about taxes do financial statement users actually get?

# May 15-18, 20-21

# Final Exam as Scheduled by the University, (200 points)

# FINAL EXAM mandatory & comprehensive. (200 points)

I will request a common final exam time for both sections. As soon as the university assigns this time, I will let you all know. An alternative time will also be provided for those that conflicts with another university scheduled final. Per university recommendations, please do not schedule any travel until finals are all officially completed.