

Accounting 6120-U01
(See separate syllabus for Acct 6120-U90)
Taxation of Corporations and Their Shareholders; and Other Entities
Dr. Godfrey. Spring 2020.

<u>Class Time</u>	Tues. 2:00 - 4:45 pm
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Required Textbook and Homework Software

McGraw-Hill's Taxation of Business Entities, 2020 Edition

Edition: 10, Author: Brian Spilker

McGraw- Hill's Connect (on-line E-Book and Homework System)

[Students may use the E-Book. Basic package includes E-Book and on-line homework system.]

[Student may also purchase paper copy of textbook in loose-leaf or bound version (both are optional).]

Course Description

This course examines the federal and state tax law applicable to corporations and their shareholders. The course covers tax compliance matters, strategies for minimizing tax liabilities and strategies for handling tax controversies. Also included: tax law for alternative entities: S corporations and partnerships.

Course Objectives

To obtain an understanding of the theory and application of federal income tax dealing with the formation, operation, liquidation and sale of corporations, transactions between shareholders and their corporations; and federal tax law applicable to the organization, operation and termination of partnerships.

Your understanding of these topics will be obtained by studying the textbook, working assigned homework; and applying the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, legislative histories, and court cases. Private letter rulings, IRS publications, forms and instruction may also be covered where applicable.

A student who understands the material covered in the course should be prepared to pass the applicable exam questions on the CPA Exam.

Generally, each class will be organized as follows: (1) brief review of material covered during the previous class meeting as needed, (2) lecture-based discussion of PowerPoint file for the assigned textbook material for that class period, (3) application of the law in supplementary cases and other materials, (4) review of problems assigned for the class period and (5) preview of topics to be discussed in the next class period.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is taken at each class. Two absences from class may be excused automatically.

Unexcused absences will result in a reduction in the grade for the course.

An absence from class can only be excused through submission of an explanatory email to the instructor before the class, or as soon as practical after the class.

Being late for class is considered to be the same as an absence, unless the student sends an explanatory email to the instructor. Arriving in class late or missing class frequently may be an indication that the student is not able to give the class the priority it deserves and that the student should drop the class.

Examinations

Three examinations are scheduled during the semester on the dates indicated on the syllabus (subject to change of date). When an exam is missed as a result of a family or personal emergency, a student should inform the instructor as soon as feasible. Failure to take an exam without permission from the professor will result in an exam grade of ZERO. No make-up exam will be given without approval of the instructor.

Homework

Connect homework assignments for each chapter will be assigned in the Connect on-line system.

As shown in the table below, 20% of the grade for the course will be based on the Connect homework grade.

Grading

Points	Total
First exam	100
Second exam	100
Third exam	100
Final exam	100
Connect homework	50
Class quizzes	50
Total Points	500

Percentage	Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
Below 70	U

The grading scale above is based on the assumption that the student has participated in class on a professional basis. That includes, among other things, (1) attending class regularly, (2) arriving in class on time, with class materials, prepared to join in class discussion of the assigned material, (3) staying for the entire class, (4) being attentive to class lectures and participating to a reasonable degree in class analysis and discussion of the instructor's questions and case materials, and (5) avoiding disruptive or other unprofessional behavior in class.

Corrective Action in Case of Unacceptable Behavior

The focus of the class is on helping each student succeed. The instructor seeks to conduct classes in a relaxed atmosphere where students enjoy the class and have maximum ability to learn the material. The instructor invites suggestions from students for improvement in the class organization, conduct and management.

It is expected that all students will behave in a professional manner. However, in the unlikely event that a student does engage in behavior that is distracting from the learning of others, the Instructor will take action appropriate for the circumstances. Such action may include:

1. Instructions from the instructor in class.
2. Conferences with a student outside of class
3. In more serious situations, reduction of the grade or possibly termination of enrollment in the class.

Integrity Policy

Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity. <http://www.legal.uncc.edu/policies/ps-105.html>. This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor, and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore, should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases the course grade is reduced to F. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office in Fretwell 230.

Tentative Course Outline - Spring 2020. Corporate Tax Class

Mo.	Date	Day	Class	Chap.	Topics
Jan	14	Tues	1		Review of Lowe's Annual Report
				1	Business Expenses: See chapter outline for items emphasized.
Jan	21	Tues	2	2	Acquire Asset. Cost, improve., basket, conversion. (Basis: Pg 3-2 to 3-5)
				2	Depreciation: (cost, life, method, convention), personal vs. real, other
Jan	28	Tues	3	3	Recognition, cap. gain, 1231, 1245, 1250 rate, related parties, lookback.
					Deferral: like-kind exchanges, involuntary conversions, installment sales.
Feb	4	Tues	4	3	Review
					Test 1. - Chapters 1-3
Feb	11	Tues	5	4	Entities Overview (See basic case)
				5	Corp. Operations: tax formula, book-tax differences, reconciliation (basic rules)
Feb	18	Tues	6	5	Special corp. deductions: charitable contribution, dividend. rec. deduct.
				5	Corp. operations: compliance, due dates, estimated tax, AMT
Feb	25	Tues	7	6	Accounting for income tax: current and deferred tax expense (Benefit)
				6	Accounting for income tax: valuation allowances, uncertainty, disclosure
Mar	5	Tues			Spring Break
Mar	10	Tues	8	7	Non-liquidating distributions: E&P, non-cash dist., stock dividends
Mar	17	Tues	9	7	Non-liquidating distributions: stock redemptions
					Test 2. - Chapters 4-7
Mar	24	Tues	10	8	Corporate formation, Section 351.
				8	Corporate reorganizations and complete liquidations.
Mar	31	Tues	11	9	Partnerships: formation, accounting periods & methods, flow-through
				9	Partnerships: Inside & outside basis, loss limits, passive activity limits
Apr	7	Tues	12	10	Partnerships: sale of partnership interest.
				10	Partnerships: distributions, (hot assets), transfer of interest, basis adj.
Apr	14	Tues	13	11	S Corporation: election, termination, years, flowthrough
					Test 3. - Chapters 8-10
Apr	21	Tues	14	11	S Corporations: basis, loss limits, distributions, taxes and returns
				12	Brief introduction to state taxation
Apr	28	Tues	15	13	Global: residence, sourcing rules (U.S. vs. foreign), branches, FTC
				13	Global: hybrid entities, Subpart F, planning, summary Case
May	7	Tues			Final Exam

This Tentative Schedule is subject to Change.