

BADM 645-01: TAXATION OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
COURSE SYLLABUS
FALL 2005

COURSE OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION

To gain an understanding of the Federal tax law and policy as they relate to corporations, partnerships and other entities. The course will be problem-based and include a discussion of the policy reasons related to Federal income taxation and the classification of corporations, partnerships and other business entities. The course will also include an analysis of business and family tax planning and choice of entity issues.

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CLASS MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesdays: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Buckman Hall 110

OFFICE HOURS

I will be available in our classroom each Wednesday 30 minutes prior to the beginning of class and after the end of class to discuss any questions or provide any assistance you may need. I can be available on campus at other times which are convenient to you. If needed, I can also be available on campus at scheduled times prior to each exam for any questions or assistance.

I am available in my office most weekdays between 8 AM and 6 PM. Please feel free to contact me at my office during these hours or at home during other times. If I am not available when you try to reach me, I will be glad to return your call or set a time for us to meet. You may also leave a message on my office voicemail or send me an e-mail. If there are any questions or issues of which all students need to be notified, I will e-mail everyone.

TEXTBOOK

West Federal Taxation: Corporations, Partnerships, Estates & Trusts, 2006 Edition; Thomson South-Western; Hoffman, Raabe, Smith & Maloney.

West's Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury Regulations: Annotated and Selected, 2006 Edition; Thomson South-Western; James E. Smith

GRADING

Homework, Participation, Attendance	10%
Problem Sets/Research Assignments	15%
Exam # 1	25%
Exam # 2	25%
Final Exam	25%

EXAMS

The exams will cover the material assigned and discussed in class. The exams will include questions in multiple-choice, short answer and problem format. The final exam will be a combination of problem sets and discussion issues. Prior to each exam, we will discuss the format and the information that I anticipate each exam will cover.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is very important to gaining an understanding of the material. More than three unexcused absences will negatively affect a student's grade.

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

There will be a reading assignment and homework from the selected problems in the textbook for each class. The class will discuss many concepts in depth but we will cover only the highlights of other concepts so that you will be familiar with the terms if the issue arises in the future. Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions. Periodically, I will assign cumulative problem sets and research assignments which will be a reflection of what has been covered in class and will emphasize application of tax concepts to complex tax scenarios. Students should feel free to ask questions either during class or after class when they do not fully understand a concept.

CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEXT CHAPTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
August 24	2	Choice of Business Entity
CORPORATIONS		
August 31	2 & 3	Corporations: Organization and Structure
September 7	4	Corporations: Earnings & Profits; Dividends
September 14	5	Corporations: Redemptions; Liquidations
September 21	5 & 7	Corporations: Liquidations; Reorganizations
September 28	7	Corporations: Reorganizations
October 5		EXAM # 1
PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES		
October 12	10	Partnerships: Formation; Operations
October 19	10 & 11	Partnerships: Operations; Distributions
October 26	11	Partnerships: Distributions; Terminations
November 2	12	S Corporations

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEXT CHAPTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
November 9	12 & 13	S Corporations; Business Tax Planning
November 16		EXAM # 2
November 23		NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
FAMILY TAX PLANNING		
November 30	17 & 19	Estate/Gift Tax; Trusts & Estates
December 7		Family Tax Planning
December 8 - 14		FINAL EXAM – TBA

The above schedule is subject to change.