

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## ACCT 543: Tax Accounting II

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Advanced topics in taxation, including income tax planning and income tax return preparation for corporations, S corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, exempt entities, estates and trusts.

### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 03/04/2013 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Comparison of Federal non-tax and tax aspects to be considered in choice of how to be organized and how to be taxed
2. Federal income tax consequences of organizing, operating, and liquidating C corporations
3. Federal income tax consequences of organizing, operating, and liquidating partnerships
4. Federal income tax consequences of organizing, operating, and liquidating S corporations
5. Overview of Federal payroll and information return reporting
6. Overview of State and local taxation
7. Overview of Federal taxation of multinational transactions
8. Overview of Federal taxation of tax-exempt organizations
9. Overview of Federal taxation of estates and gifts
10. Oral and written graduate-level analysis of tax research and/or ethical issues

#### **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

1. Explain the non-tax and tax factors that should be considered before choosing what type of entity your business will be for legal purposes and how it will report for tax purposes.
2. Evaluate the Federal income tax consequences to the entity and its owner(s) of reporting as a C corporation for income tax purposes; describe special tax rules that only apply to C corporations; summarize the Federal income tax consequences to the entity and the owner(s) of a C corporation distribution, stock redemption, or liquidation.
3. Contrast the Federal tax consequences of operating as an S corporation versus as a C corporation or partnership; explain the rules for qualifying for and electing S corporation status; summarize the Federal income tax consequences to the entity and its owner(s) of reporting as an S corporation; summarize the Federal income tax consequences of S corporation distributions, stock redemptions, or liquidations.
4. Determine the tax base/applicable rates for payroll tax and payroll reporting/deposit requirements; contrast reporting/deposit requirements for employees with reporting/deposit requirements for independent contractors; explain reporting for rent and interest payments, and distributions from C corporation partnership, or S corporation.
5. Describe the primary categories of State and local taxes; determine whether a business has nexus for sales tax purposes (and if so, calculate the sales tax withholding responsibilities); determine whether a business has nexus for income tax purposes (and if so, calculate the income tax liabilities); justify the decision to do business in a particular state.
6. Describe the basic Federal framework for taxing multinational transactions; calculate the foreign tax credit; explain role of income tax treaties in international tax planning; compare advantages and disadvantages of different forms of doing business outside the United States.
7. Describe the different types of exempt organizations, the requirements for exempt status, and the Federal tax consequences of exempt status; explain the characteristics of a private operating foundation; identify when the unrelated business tax applies.
8. Explain when a Federal gift or estate tax return might be required; explain the income taxation of estates and trusts; make general comments about the rate structure for estates and trusts; explain how a trust might be used as an income-shifting tool.
9. Demonstrate effective oral and written graduate-level analysis of tax research and/or ethical issues.
10. Evaluate the Federal income tax consequences to the entity and its owner(s) of reporting as a partnership for income tax purposes; summarize the Federal income tax consequences to the entity and the owner(s) of a partnership distribution, a transfers of partnership interests, or a partnership termination.

#### **E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

None

#### **F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

#### **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted