

Minnesota State University Moorhead

MBA 625: Tax & Law

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Outline of federal tax system; tax compliance and planning; concepts of gross income, deductions, tax computations and tax credits including taxation of C corporations and flow-through entities; contracts, including negotiation; business organizations, including sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/28/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Business Law; Accounting; Tax

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Analyze the terms of different contracts and compliance with the principles of contract law, including formation, Statute of Frauds, third party rights, performance, defenses, breach remedies and damages.
2. Analyze different types of contracts, including the preparation and use of Letters of Intent.
3. Apply the principles of contract negotiation, drafting and review in the contracting process.
4. Evaluate different contractual provisions to accomplish specific business goals.
5. Evaluate the legal and equitable remedies available to a non-breaching party to a contract.
6. Evaluate the legal and business consequences for business owners of operating as sole proprietors, partnerships (all forms), limited liability companies, or corporations.
7. Analyze the processes for formally establishing different types of business entities.
8. Apply the principles of corporate formation, financing and governance, including business combinations.
9. Improve effective and verbal written communication skills by analyzing legal and ethical issues.
10. Describe methods of taxation.
11. Explain audits, appeals, and judicial process; substantiate and disclose tax positions; weigh relative merits of different authoritative sources in providing tax guidance.
12. Perform tax planning using timing, income shifting, and conversion strategies.
13. Apply the formula for determining an individual taxpayer's taxes due or refund, determine who qualifies as a dependent and what filing status applies, compute tax liability and tax credits using appropriate tax preparer technology.
14. Calculate gross income; explain why certain types of income are excluded.
15. Calculate common individual deductions deductible in determining AGI; calculate common individual deductions deductible from AGI, including the standard deduction, itemized deductions, and the qualified business income deduction.
16. Compute common business income items and limits on business expense deductions; describe accounting periods available to businesses; apply cash and accrual methods to determine business income and expense deductions.
17. Discuss different types of business entities for tax purposes; identifying fundamental differences in tax characteristics across entity types.
18. Recognize tax consequences of a corporate formation; calculate common permanent and temporary book-tax differences; compute C corporation taxable income and associated income taxes due or refund; discuss tax consequences applying to distributions from a C corporation to a shareholder.
19. Recognize consequences of a partnership formation; calculate and characterize a partnership's ordinary business income and separately stated items; calculate a partner's basis in partnership interest; apply tax-basis, at-risk, passive activity loss, and excess business loss limits to partnership losses; determine self-employment tax for a partner; compare operating and liquidating partnership distributions.
20. Describe requirements and process to elect S corporation status; explain events that cause a termination of S-status; explain income and loss allocations and separately stated items for S corporations; calculate tax basis for an S-shareholder; discuss consequences applying to distributions from a S corporation to a shareholder; describe taxes that may apply to an S corporation.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted