



BUSI 5906B

Special Topics in Taxation

Fall 2015

1.0 COURSE COORDINATOR AND INSTRUCTOR

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2.0 DESCRIPTION

This course (0.25 credit) will provide students the required topical requirements for Taxation required as a prerequisite to the MAcc program.

Prerequisite(s): Permission of the School

3.0 COURSE OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

There are two undergraduate taxation courses in the Sprott School of Business. The focus of BUSI3005 (Taxation I) is on fundamental principles and personal income tax. The focus of BUSI4005 (Taxation II) is on corporate income tax and some specialized topics. The two taxation courses are designed to achieve the following objectives:

- (1) to explain the theoretical concepts behind the specific provisions of the law,
- (2) to apply the law in practical problems and case settings,
- (3) to interpret the law, taking into account the specific wording of the provisions, judicial decisions and the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) position, and
- (4) to introduce basic tax planning concepts through cases application.

Due to CPA requirements and courses content varying from one university to another, some students may be missing some of the prerequisites. This course is designed to provide an opportunity to students to gain the background knowledge in Canadian taxation to be successful in the MAcc. The content depend on each student needs.

4.0 METHOD OF INSTRUCTION AND PREPARATION

Taxation in the Master of Accounting (MAcc) program will be specifically covered in ACCT5120 (Advanced Concepts I (core 1)) and ACCT5123 (Advanced Taxation) plus integration in other courses. All students should have the minimum CPA entry level before entering the MAcc program. If some topics were not covered in sufficient depth in your previous taxation courses, additional preparation is needed. Under the guidance of the professor, the student is expected to read independently a selection of chapters in missing knowledge and to prepare problems about a selection of topics. It is the responsibility of each student to prepare adequately for their independent self-study. The Table A provides a summary of undergraduate taxation coverage at Sprott and topics included in each course.

5.0 GRADING SCHEME

Each component in the course will be weighted as follows:

Discussions	10
Study plan	20
Summary / Problems / Cases	60
Report on learning	10
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

Your performance in the course will be evaluated as follows:

Above expectations	A-, A, A+
Meeting expectations	B-, B, B+ (B- is the minimum grade required for the successful completion of this course.)
Below expectations	C-, C, C+, D-, D, D+
Fail	F

All final grades are subject to the Dean's approval.

5.1 Study plan:

Student will submit a plan to explain the gap between their taxation coverage and their learning needs to reach at least the CPA Entry Level and ideally the same level as the Sprott students with two taxation courses. The plan will also include required readings and suggest some problems / cases to prepare and a timeframe.

5.2 Summary / Problems / Cases:

Student will submit evidence of preparation (summary or readings / problems solutions / cases solutions) on some selected topics to meet their learning needs.

5.3 Report on learning:

Student will submit a report on how they fill the gap regarding their learning needs, including required readings and to suggest some problems / cases to prepare.

6.0 COURSE MATERIAL

6.1 Required Texts

Basic material:

- BEAM, R.E., LAIKEN, S.N., BARNETT, J.J. Introduction to Federal Income Taxation in Canada and Introduction to Federal Income Taxation in Canada – Study Guide, 2015-2016, 36th ed., Toronto, CCH Wolters Kluwer.
ISBN 978-1-55496-806-0
(with CD-ROM) Cantax Research Library, Problems Sets with Solutions and Cantax Software for Individual (T1) and corporate (T2) tax return
- Cases and notes from the professor will be posted in cuLearn for the course.

Supplementary material:

- *Canadian Income Tax Act with Regulations*, last edition.
Options:
 - *Income Tax Act*. (Included in CPA Canada material)
 - *Federal Income Tax Act*, 13th ed., CICA, 2015. [FITA] (annually)
 - *Canadian Income Tax Act with Regulations*, 100th ed., CCH, Autumn 2015. [CITA] (bi-annually)
(ISBN
 - *Practitioner's Income Tax Act*, 47th ed., Carswell, 2015. [PITA] (bi-annually)
(ISBN 878-0-7798-6465-2)

Additional textbook (if needed):

- Byrd, C., Chen, I. *Canadian Tax Principles*, 2015-2016 ed., Toronto: Pearson.
(sold as a package). (vol. I; vol. II; and Study Guide)

6.2 Course Web page

The instructor will make extensive use of the Internet to post course materials and other announcements. A cuLearn page is used for announcements and posting of course materials. You could find the course CuLearn page:

<http://www.carleton.ca/culearn>

See also

<http://sprott.carleton.ca/~fbrouard/linkstax.html>

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE - Fall 2015**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Work to do (in addition to readings and problems / cases preparation)</i>
D1	<p>initial discussion (in-person or via skype) and explanations about the expectations</p> <p>As a minimum, students should master at least the CPA Entry Level for each topic.</p> <p>For topics at the <u>C</u> level, minimum requirements for self-study is to read independently a selection of chapters and prepare notes to summarize the key points.</p> <p>For topics at the <u>B</u> level, minimum requirements for self-study is to read independently a selection of chapters and prepare notes to summarize the key points and to prepare a selection of problems / cases about those topics.</p>
D2	<p>Submission of study plan for approval</p> <p>A table would be a good way to present the plan (see example provided).</p> <p>Comparison for each topic of taxation knowledge (see table A) with the knowledge already acquired (ex: previous tax courses) and learning needs per topic to fill the gap.</p> <p>Presentation of an action plan for each topic identified with learning needs: readings, problems / cases, dates of submission for topics identified.</p> <p>Discussion of study plan (in-person or via skype)</p>
D3	Submission of Summary / Problem / Case A (SPCa)
D4	Discussion (in-person or via skype), when needed
D5	Submission of Summary / Problem / Case B (SPCb)
D6	Submission of Summary / Problem / Case C (SPCc)
D7	Discussion (in-person or via skype), when needed
D8	Submission of Summary / Problem / Case D (SPCd)
D9	Submission of Summary / Problem / Case E (SPCe)
D10	Submission of Summary / Problem / Case F (SPCf)
D11	Submission of report on learning

TABLE A - SUMMARY OF UNDERGRADUATE TAXATION COVERAGE AT SPROTT

Weeks	Topics	BUSI 3005 Chapters	BUSI 4005 Chapters	CPA Entry Level
1	Introduction to Canadian Tax System	1		C
1	Tax Policy and Legislation Principles of Tax Planning Liability for Tax / Residency Net Income for Individuals	2		B B
1	Procedures and Administration	14		B, C
1 ½	Income from an Office or Employment	3		B
2	Income from a Business Capital Cost Allowance and Cumulative Eligible Capital	4 5		B B
1	Income from Property Other Income and Other Deductions	6 9		B B
1 ½	Capital Gains and Capital Losses	7, 8		B
1	Deferred Income Plans Non arm's length transactions Income attribution	9 8 8		C B B
2	Taxable Income and Tax Payable for Individuals	10		B
3	Net Income for Corporations Taxable Income and Tax Payable for Corporations Corporate Tax Components		11, 12	B B B
½	Concept of Integration and Eligible Dividends		12	C
½	Associated, Related, Connected and Affiliated Corporations		12	B
1	Tax Planning the Use of a Corporation Tax Planning - Shareholder- Manager Remuneration GAAR		13	C C C
1	Corporate Distributions		15	B
2 ½ ½	Corporate Reorganizations Sale / Purchase of a Business Estate Freeze		15, 16, 17	C - -
1	Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)		various	B
1	Partnerships and Trusts		18	C
1	Tax Planning			C

Note:

- The weeks column represents the number of weeks related to each topic (12 weeks for each course).
- The topics column refers to the titles in the Sprott course outline.
- The chapters column corresponds to Beam et al. textbook chapters for each taxation course (3005 and 4005).
- The CPA Entry Level is estimated from the the *CPA Competency Map Knowledge Supplement* published by CPA Canada in 2012.