

**ACCT 5328**  
**SYLLABUS – Spring 2023**  
**Federal Income Tax – Partnerships & Corporations**  
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**Class: Tues 5:30 – PM-9:30 PM GBC room 520A, Sat 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM GBC Room 110C**

**Course Materials:**

**Required:** McGraw-Hill's **Taxation of Business Entities** 2023 Edition by Brian Spilker, et al. ISBN13: 9781265626938 with Connect. Instructions for registering for the Connect section are included in the link in Blackboard. You must have Connect in order to complete homework and reading assessments.

**Prerequisites:**

Acct 3327 (If you have not taken this class or have comparable work experience, you will need to drop the class).

**Course Objective:** This course is directed at graduate accounting students who desire to obtain additional tax knowledge beyond that offered in Individual Taxation. It is designed to present a survey approach to the following topics: Corporate Taxation, Partnerships, and Estate and Gift Taxation. Students should be able to effectively deal in the areas of tax compliance for these entities. Issues which will be addressed include organizational structure, corporate organizations, dividend issues, corporate liquidation issues, reorganizations, partnership organization, taxation of partnerships, and fiduciary income taxation for estates and gifts. Upon completion of the course students will be able to recognize tax issues which may arise when one is involved in the business environment, and students will be able to understand how taxes may impact business decisions.

- The student will understand the tax basics of organizing a corporation.
- The student will understand the tax basics of corporate distributions.
- The student will gain a basic understanding of the tax code and tax regulations and how to research them
- The student will be able to reconcile the differences between financial income and taxable income
- The student will understand organization concepts around different legal entities and their basic differences and their applicable tax classifications
- The student will understand the concepts of taxable income and allowable tax deductions and or exclusions.
- Student understanding of the course and ability to meet these objectives will be measured by examinations which are given during class. Reading and 2 other assignments will be used throughout the course to develop student understanding and ability to meet the objectives.

**Grades:**

Grades are assigned at the end of the semester based on total points accumulated.

Exams: 200 points	
Test 1	100
Test 2	100
Research & Writing Activities: 150 points	
Tax Research Memo	150
Class participation and in-class group presentations: 20 points	
Homework and reading assignments: 80 points	

The following example shows how grades will be determined: If a student earns **315** points out of the **450** possible, the grade will be determined as follows:

**315/450 = .7000** --- hence a grade of 70% will be assigned. Extra credit may be given, but only at the instructor's discretion.

**Grade Scale:**

100-90 – A

89-80 – B

79-70 – C

69-65 – D

64 & below – F

**Total points available as shown above are a best estimate and may be subject to modification.** Each individual student may determine his/her individual grade during the semester by dividing the total points he/she has earned by the total points possible at that point.

**Participation Policy:**

Class participation is a VERY important aspect of this class and attendance is IMPORTANT. A student can earn up to twenty points from in-class group presentations of concepts that have been covered in class. Homework and reading assessments will serve to document your participation with the materials (see grade breakdown included in this syllabus). If you have special medical needs, please be sure to have the CASS office document the need (see syllabus section related to students with disabilities).

**Withdrawal from the Class:**

If a student wishes to withdraw from the class, it is his/her responsibility to adhere to the University deadlines. The final date to withdraw from a class, with a W, is Monday, March 7, 2023. After that date, students must be dropped from a course with a mandatory grade of "F." A grade of "W," after Monday, March 7th, 2023, may be assigned only under exceptional circumstances, and only with the approval of the instructor, the department chair and

academic dean. The student must petition for the “W” in writing and provide the necessary supporting documentation. Please note that **the student is responsible for withdrawing from the course.**

**Missed/late assignments or exams:**

Late homework assignments and reading assessments will be accepted, but your score will be reduced 10% for every hour the assignment is turned in past its due time (i.e., after 10 hours you will receive a zero). If you miss an exam without notifying me in advance, I will drop the missed exam and the weight of that exam will be spread to the remaining exam.

**Class Interaction:**

This is an activity-based class. You are expected to read the assigned material **PRIOR** to class so that you can participate during class. Class is intended only to serve as a discussion of the chapters. Lectures and projects are designed to aid you in developing an integrated understanding of the material with the thought in mind that you have read the related materials prior to coming to class. Class discussions will center on the text, on textbook cases, and current events. You should be prepared to answer questions during class when called upon. Mastery of the concepts in this course requires practice, so the homework problems will allow for this practice. You can always contact me via e-mail me at my UTEP e-mail account if you have any questions outside of class time or office hours.

**Scholastic Integrity:**

The University of Texas at El Paso prides itself on its standards of academic excellence. In all matters of intellectual pursuit, UTEP faculty and students must strive to achieve based on the quality of the work produced by the individual. In the classroom and in all other academic activities, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another source (including using text written by a generation system (e.g., entering a prompt into an artificial intelligence tool and using the output in a paper) as ones' own. Collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. All suspected violations of academic integrity at The University of Texas at El Paso must be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) for possible disciplinary action. To learn more, please visit [HOOP: Student Conduct and Discipline](#).

**Academic Standing**

At the graduate level, academic standing is based on CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE not by major or program of study. All coursework (GR/DR/SP) completed at the student’s respective

level is part of the graduate academic record/transcript, and all respective grades earned are part of the cumulative GPA. This applies to all courses even if the courses are not part of the degree requirements.

- Courses are listed on transcripts with their respective cumulative grade point average according to the level of the course not the level of student.

- At the graduate level, courses cannot be repeated for GPA recalculation.

Probation

- Graduate students (degree seeking) in graduate programs must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

- Post-baccalaureate, teacher, and professional certification and/or endorsement students (non-degree) must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

- Failure to meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement will result in academic probation.

If placed on academic probation, the cumulative GPA must be raised to a 3.0 for degree seeking students or 2.5 for non-degree seeking students by the conclusion of the next nine semester hours of enrollment or the student may face permanent dismissal from the Graduate School.

### **Students with a Disability:**

If you feel you may have a disability that requires accommodations, contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services Office at 747-5148, go to the Union Bldg., East, Room 106, or email [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu). For additional information, please visit the CASS website at <https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass/>.

### **Statements on Faculty and Student Responsibilities:**

Statements on faculty and student responsibilities may be found on the College of Business website at: <http://business.utep.edu/About/responsibilities.aspx>.

### **Course Procedures**

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#### **Tests and Research Writing**

1. All tests and assignments are graded on a point basis (not a percentage).
2. All memoranda, tests and assignments should be done on an individual basis. Sharing work is NOT PERMITTED and will be treated as academic dishonesty. Research memos must not be plagiarized. Any suspected academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating), collusion (working with others), or plagiarism (i.e., copying work that is not your own) will be referred to the Dean of Students for review and determination of penalties (please see chapter 1 of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures for a full discussion of student conduct and discipline).
3. There will be two exams during the term, which will include multiple-choice and true/false problems. Exams will be taken during class. You will have 2 ½ hours to complete.
4. If you believe you will not be able to take an exam on the assigned date in the syllabus, you must contact me in advance so that I may evaluate the reasonableness of the reason and schedule a potential alternative time. If you don't notify me in advance

and miss an exam, that exam will be dropped, and that exam's weight will be spread to the remaining exam.

5. All writing assignments must be done following the assignment instructions. The required format will be provided with the assignment instructions. Failure to follow these directions will result in a reduction of your score on the assignment.

6. Your participation points for the course will be based on attendance and preparing homework and reading assessments (allocation of points is based on point totals for each item as detailed in the assignment instructions). Any modifications in due dates will be made at my discretion and on a case-by-case basis.

**Class calendar:**

The following class calendar serves as a more detailed layout of the schedule we will follow during the course. Again, keep in mind that this is a best estimate and may be subject to modification. Any changes will be communicated to the class at least one week ahead of time to make sure the student does not miss any due dates or assignments. This syllabus is not a contract with respect to the schedule and the materials covered. If changes need to be made, I will post an announcement in Blackboard and/or notify the students during class time.

Tentative Assignment Schedule	
<b>Week One</b> (2/18/2023 & 2/21/2023)	Review of syllabus, Chapter 1 & 2 Review (general tax concepts and cost recovery); Review tax research materials; Tax Memo overview
2/24/2023	Chapters 1 & 2 Reading Assessment (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
2/24/2023	Chapters 1 & 2 Homework (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
<b>Week Two</b> (2/25/2023 & 2/28/2023)	Chapters 3 & 4 review (taxation of property dispositions and overview of entity types)
3/03/2023	Chapters 3 & 4 Reading Assessment (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/03/2023	Chapters 3 & 4 Homework (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
<b>3/4/2023</b>	<b>EXAM I – Chapters 1-4 (exam taken in class)</b>
<b>Week Three</b> (3/07/2023 & 3/11/2023)	Chapters 5 & 7 Review (taxation of corporate operations and non-liquidating corporate distributions)
<b>3/14/2023 &amp; 3/18/2023</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
3/20/2023	Chapters 5 & 7 Reading Assessment (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/20/2023	Chapters 5 & 7 Homework (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
<b>Week Four</b> (3/21/2023 & 3/25/2023)	Chapter 8, 9 and 14 (partial) (Corporate formation, reorganization, liquidations and forming partnerships)
3/27/2023	Chapter 8 Reading Assessment (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/27/2023	Chapter 8 Homework (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/27/2023	Chapter 9 Reading Assessment (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/27/2023	Chapter 9 Homework due (by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/27/2023	Chapter 14 Reading Assessment (due by 11:59 PM MDT)
3/27/2023	Chapter 14 Homework due (by 11:59 PM MDT)

<b>Week Five</b> (3/26/2023 – 4/1/2023)	
<b>3/28/2023</b>	<b>EXAM II - Chapter 5, 7, 8, 9, part of 14 (exam taken in class)</b>
<b>4/1/2023</b>	<b>TAX MEMO DUE (submit by 11:59 PM MDT)</b>

Good luck and let's have a productive term!