# Tax Seminar Law 7611 (2 credit hours) Prof. Steven J. Willis

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## **Objectives and Outcomes:**

- The Objective of this course is for you to write a substantial paper regarding Tax Law.
- Student Learning Outcomes:
  - You should learn:
    - To write an acceptable paper.
    - Whatever the subject matter of your topic.

### **Course Description:**

Substantial research and writing project on a federal tax subject; instruction in tax research techniques. Seminars are offered to satisfy this requirement.

#### **Preparation**:

• ABA Standard 310 requires that students devote 120 minutes to out-of-class preparation for every "classroom hour" of in-class instruction. Each bi-weekly class is approximately 1.5 hours in length, requiring at least 3 hours of preparation outside of class including [reading the assigned materials, working problems and quizzes, and listening to lectures.

#### **Exam and Evaluation:**

• Your grade will be based 85% on the your paper and 15% on class participation and quizzes on Canvas. I expect most students will receive most points for participation and quizzes based on reasonable participation and attempts. Exceptional participation helps.

#### **Participation and Attendance:**

• I enjoy questions and try to answer all. Canvas has easy-to-use ways to communicate with me: *please use them*.

- Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Resources. The UF Office of Disability Resources will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Law School Office of Student Affairs when requesting accommodation.
- If you miss more than six classes, your semester grade may be adversely affected. If you have a legitimate reason for missing class, you should contact me so that you absence may be excused. The law school's policy on attendance can be found <u>here</u>.

#### UF College of Law Standard Syllabus Policies:

• Other information about UF Levin College of Law policies, including compliance with the UF Honor Code, Grading, Accommodations, Class Recordings, and Course Evaluations can be found at this <u>link</u>.

#### **Recordings Of Class:**

• All classes will be recorded via Mediasite in case students must miss class for health reasons. The Office of Student Affairs will work with faculty to determine when students may have access to these recordings, and the recordings will be password protected. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible after an absence.

#### Academic Honesty and Integrity:

- Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should understand the UF Student Honor Code at <u>http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php</u>
- You may not work with other persons on the exam, quizzes (other than for installation of materials) or assignments to be submitted unless clearly authorized otherwise. You <u>may</u> work with other students on assigned Problems.
- Students may not share course materials, lectures, calculators or other posted items with anyone. Students may not share their password for password-protected files with anyone.

## **Required**:

Texts:

None

## **Course Content:**

We begin with Module 1 and proceed through the course. See Canvas