**Law 7911: 2 Credit Hours**

**Tax Seminar**

**Syllabus**

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**Required:**

* nothing

**Course Objectives:**

* 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.

**Preparation:**

* Students should expect to spend, on average, approximately two hours preparing for every hour of class, according to ABA and University guidelines. The ABA and the University require a statement to this effect, although it does not comport exactly with Distance Learning. Essentially, you should spend three hours for each credit hour (2) times 13 (the allotted number of weeks) for a total of 78 hours.

**Participation and Attendance:**

* I enjoy questions and try to answer all. Canvas has easy-to-use ways to communicate with me: *please use them*.
* Canvas *may* have Discussion topics. Strong participation can affect your grade.
* 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.
* Both the ABA and the College of Law require class attendance. 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.

# **Academic Honesty and Integrity**:

* Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>
* 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.
* Students may not take, circulate, or post photos or videos of classroom discussions, whether they are in-person, hybrid, or completely online. Students failing to follow this rule will be referred to the College of Law Honor Code Council and the University’s Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

# **Student Course Evaluations:**

* + Students should provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Click [here](https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/) for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and may complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students [here](https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/).

**Exam and Evaluation:**

* The Final Examination is open book, which includes anything written (printed or electronic). You may *not* work with another person. If you copy something from a source, you must cite or link to it.
* Your grade will be based 90% on the final exam and 10% on class participation and Canvas Quizzes/Assignments (***these are announced on Canvas and may not be on the Syllabus as I may add new ones***). You are expected to read Announcements and to regularly look at Canvas for Quizzes/Assignments. I expect most students will receive most participation and Quiz points based on reasonable attempts, as well as responses to my comments. Exceptional participation may result in a half-letter grade bump. You ***must*** pay attention to Canvas deadlines for Quizzes/Assignments.
* The law school policy on exam delays and accommodations can be found [here](http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/forms-applications/exam-delays-accommodations-form).

# **UF Law Grading Policies:**

**Grade Points Grade Points Grade Points**

A (Excellent) 4.0 C+ 2.33 D- 0.67

A- 3.67 C (Satisfactory) 2.00 E (Failure) 0.0

B+ 3.33 C- 1.67

B (Good) 3.00 D+ 1.33

B- 2.67 D (Poor) 1.00

* The law school grading policy is available [here](https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/uf-law-student-handbook-and-academic-policies.). **The grading policy does not apply to LL.M. courses**.

**Course Content:**

**Always look at Canvas Modules for current Class Assignments and Topics. We will meet at least six times during the Spring Semester. In the first class we will covering your status of choosing a topic and how I can help.**