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CPA - Taxation

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Dept of Accounting & Corporate Governance

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General Information

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Prerequisites

ACCG926 or ACCG855 or admission to MAdvProfAcc

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides extended formal academic support for full-time students concurrently enrolled in Advanced Taxation segment of the CPA program. The unit provides an in-depth knowledge of the law of income tax as it affects individuals, partnerships, trusts and companies. It also covers comprehensively the practical application of income tax, goods and services tax, capital gains tax and fringe benefits tax in Australia and in relation to overseas transactions.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

An advanced and integrated understanding of the income tax laws relating to individuals,

partnerships, trusts and companies.

An advanced and integrated understanding of the Australian taxation law relating to capital gains tax, GST and FBT.

Ability to apply the relevant tax laws and related legal precedents to a problem or fact situation

Ability to provide strategic advice regarding the tax issues relating to common business situations.

Ability to critically analyse a tax scenario and explain the tax consequences of that scenario.

General Assessment Information

In grading the assessment tasks completed in this unit the Macquarie University Grading Policy will be applied. Please refer to the policy at <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>. Further detail relating to assessment tasks are set out in the Assessment Guide available on ilearn

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Class test 1	15%	19 August 2015
Class Test 2	30%	30 September 2015
Assignment	25%	7 October and 21 October 2015
Final exam	30%	Between 10 and 18 October 2015

Class test 1

Due: **19 August 2015**

Weighting: **15%**

1 hour duration

Submission: Held in seminar on 19 August

Extensions: No extensions will be granted. Students who do not attend the class test on the allocated date will be awarded a mark of zero, except for cases where an application for Disruption to Studies is made and approved.

Penalties: Zero marks for non-attempt.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Class Test 2

Due: **30 September 2015**

Weighting: **30%**

2 hour duration

Submission date: Held in seminar on 30 September.

Extensions: No extensions will be granted. Students who do not attend the class test will be awarded a mark of zero, except for cases where an application for Disruption to Studies is made and approved.

Penalties: zero marks for non-attempt.

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Assignment

Due: **7 October and 21 October 2015**

Weighting: **25%**

Submission: Written assignment is due in class in Week 11 (15%) -- 7 October 2015 . Group presentation on the written assignment is due in class in Week 13 (10%) -- 21 October 2015.

Extensions: No extensions will be granted except for cases where an application for Disruption to Studies is made and approved.

Penalties for late submission: 20% of the available marks for any day or part of a day of late submission, except where an application for Disruption to Studies is made and approved.

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Final exam

Due: **Between 10 and 18 October 2015**

Weighting: **30%**

The three-hour open book examination will be held under the rules and conditions of CPA Australia.

It is a requirement to pass the CPA examination to pass this unit.

Submission/Extension/Penalties: The examination will be held under the rules and conditions of CPA Australia. Please refer to details provided by CPA Australia

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

There are 3 hours of face-to-face teaching per week consisting of a 3-hour seminar. Please refer to the following webpage for the specific seminar day and time <http://timetables.mq.edu.au>.

Students are required to attend all classes.

Required and Recommended texts and/or Materials

Required texts

CPA Program: Advanced Taxation, Deakin University, July 2015 (provided to you by CPA Australia)

Recommended texts

Students will need to refer to legislation throughout the course. No legislation reference is prescribed as compulsory, but students would find useful:

CCH Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide (2015 edition), or

ATP Fundamental Tax Legislation (2015 edition).

Alternatively, students can access tax legislation at www.comlaw.gov.au.

Additional references

The following books are not required to be purchased, but students would benefit from reference to any of the following as additional reading:

CCH Australian Taxation Law, Woellner, Barkoczy, Murphy, Evans and Pinto (2015 edition)

CCH Australian Master Tax Guide (2015 edition), or

ATP Australian Tax Handbook (2015 edition).

Students would also benefit from referring to the 24th edition of the CCH Australian Taxation Study Manual (Nethercott, Richardson and Devos) which provides questions and suggested solutions to tax problems for the 2013/14 tax year.

Many of the recommended texts and additional references are available in the Library and for purchase from the Macquarie University Co-op Bookshop.

Unit Web Page

Course material is available on iLearn.

Teaching and Learning Activities

The unit is broken up into seminars in which students and the lecturer discuss readings, case studies and assigned questions on specified taxation topics that correlate with the 13 modules. Each seminar will be held on the scheduled date for 3 hours. In between these seminars, students are required to work through and complete nominated modules in the CPA program, as well as work on assessment tasks.

In preparation for a seminar, students should work through the relevant modules in the CPA program, as well as work on assessment tasks and self-assessment tests.

Each seminar will consist of a mixture of activities based around the CPA program modules. These will include:

- discussion of case studies, examples and questions relating to the previous week's

module, and

- review of the main concepts and content, and their practical application, arising from the current week's module.

Group work is required in completing the assignment and associated presentation.

Workload in completing this unit is 150 hours.

Technology Used and Required

Students are expected to have:

- proficiency in Word, Excel and Powerpoint
- knowledge of Macquarie University's online system for downloading materials, and
- knowledge of the library resource database for accessing additional research material.

Unit Schedule

<i>Class date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
29 July 2015	Introduction
-- week 1	Module 1: Tax administration Module 2: Principles of assessable income
5 August 2015	Module 3: Principles of general and specific deductions
-- week 2	
12 August 2015	Module 4: Capital expenditure allowances
-- week 3	Group assessment topics and groups handed out
19 August 2015	First Multiple Choice exam in class
-- week 4	Module 5: Capital gains tax
26 August 2015	Module 6: Individuals
-- week 5	
2 September 2015	Module 7: Partnerships

-- week 6 Module 8: Trusts

9 September 2015 Module 9: Companies and dividends

-- week 7

16 September 2015 Module 10: Consolidations

-- week 8 Module 11: Transfer pricing

23 September 2015 Module 12: Fringe benefits tax

-- week 9 Module 13: Goods and services tax

30 September 2015 **Second Multiple Choice exam in class**

-- week 10

7 October 2015 Revision

-- week 11 **Written assignments due**

10 to 18 October 2015

-- week 12 **CPA exam -- specific date to be advised by CPA Australia**

21 October 2015 **Return of written assignments**

-- week 13 **Presentation of group assignments**

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit <ask.mq.edu.au>.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (<mq.edu.au/learningskills>) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at <ask.mq.edu.au>

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy

applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Class test 1
- Class Test 2
- Assignment
- Final exam

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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Changes from Previous Offering

No changes.

Research & Practice, Global & Sustainability

This unit addresses global and sustainability issues and the relevant implications arising from the materials, assessment, academic discussion and debate in classes/seminars. This unit promotes sustainability by developing the ability in students to research and locate information relating to recent developments in taxation law.

The CPA Australia Advanced Taxation Study Guide includes a reference list at the end of each module containing a number of references that students may use and provides some guidance to references that could be used to research particular issues.