



ACCG8309

CPA - Australia Taxation - Advanced

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of Accounting & Corporate Governance

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(ACCG907 or ACCG8307) and (ACCG908 or ACCG8308) and (ACCG913 or ACCG8313) and (ACCG924 or ACCG8124)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides extended formal academic support for students concurrently enrolled in the Advanced Taxation unit of the CPA program. This unit examines advanced tax issues including income tax law for a variety of business structures and investment entities; goods and services tax; international tax; and anti-avoidance regimes. It also considers the tax implications of complex business structures and corporate financing arrangements. By the end of this unit, students will have an ability to explain how tax theory, tax policies and tax legislation impacts on business decisions. Students will also be able to advise on the local and international tax issues surrounding various complex business structures, and make appropriate recommendations to clients.

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:

ULO1: Explain how tax theory and tax policies impact on business decisions and the tax consequences of various corporate financing arrangements

ULO2: Advise on the tax implications arising from various complex business structures,

superannuation and associated investment decisions.

ULO3: Apply advanced tax knowledge to recommend an appropriate business or investment structure to achieve commercial and client's personal goals.

ULO4: Apply advanced tax knowledge in complex business areas at local and international levels, such as transactions involving complex goods and services tax law, cross-border tax issues, and tax avoidance.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

Late assessment must also be submitted through Turnitin. No extensions will be granted. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission incurs a 20% penalty). Late submissions will not be accepted after solutions have been discussed and/or made available. This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for [Special Consideration](#) is made and approved. Note: applications for [Special Consideration Policy](#) must be made within 5 (five) business days of the due date and time.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

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> as well as the unit schedule below.

Students are required to attend all classes.

Required and Recommended texts and/or Materials

Required texts

CPA Program: Advanced Taxation, Study Materials, Deakin University (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:

OUP Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide (2020 edition), or Thomson Reuters Fundamental Tax Legislation (2020 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:

OUP Australian Taxation Law, Woellner, Barkoczy, Murphy, Evans and Pinto (2020 edition) CCH Australian Master Tax Guide (2020 edition), or

Thomson Reuters Australian Tax Handbook (2020 edition).

Students would also benefit from referring to the 29th edition of the OUP Australian Taxation Study Manual (Nethercott, Devos and Gonzaga) which provides questions and suggested solutions to tax problems for the 2018/19 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 10 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.

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

The 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 learning management system (iLearn) for downloading materials, and
- knowledge of the library resource database for accessing additional research material.

Unit Schedule

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The unit schedule/topics and any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19. Please consult [iLearn](#) for latest details, and check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Class	Date	Topic/ course event
1	Tuesday 28 January 2020	Module 1: Tax theory and tax policy and reforms
2	Tuesday 4 February 2020	Module 2: Trusts and trust distributions
3	Tuesday 11 February 2020	Module 3: Taxation of superannuation funds
4	Tuesday 18 February 2020	Module 4: Companies and company distributions
5	Saturday 29 February 2020	Class Test 1 Module 5: Tax consolidations
6	Tuesday 3 March 2020	Module 6: Complex business structures
7	Tuesday 10 March 2020	Module 7: Corporate financing

8	<u>To be advised</u>	Module 8: International transactions and cross-border tax issues – part 1
9	Tuesday 17 March 2020	Module 8: International transactions and cross-border tax issues – part 2
10	Tuesday 24 March 2020	Module 9: Advanced GST issues
11	Tuesday 31 March 2020	Module 10: Anti-avoidance regimes
12	Tuesday 7 April 2020	Class Test 2 (in class)
13	<u>To be advised</u>	Revision class
	Saturday 11 April to Tuesday 28 April 2020	CPA exam period

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

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Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes since First Published

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