

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School/Department: Richmond Business School

Programme: Accounting and Finance

FHEQ Level: 6

Course Title: Taxation

Course Code: ACC 6101

Student Engagement Hours: 160

Lectures: 30

Seminar / Tutorials: 15

Independent / Guided Learning: 100

Supervision 15

Credits: 16 UK CATS credits

8 ECTS credits

4 US credits

Course Description:

To equip students with the practical skills in core areas necessary for an entry level professional accountant. This requires the development of an understanding of relevant concepts, principles and techniques, the ability to apply these in realistic settings and the exercise of judgement in selecting and advising on the most appropriate treatment. This course tests both the understanding and the application of these skills and techniques.

Prerequisites:

FNN 5200 Corporate Finance

Aims and Objectives:

The aim of the Taxation course is to develop a thorough understanding of the main UK taxes that affect businesses and individuals and apply in specific situations, enable them to calculate various tax liabilities and to advise/conclude on the tax implications of business scenarios.

Programme Outcomes:

ACCFIN: A1, A4, A5, A6 B1, B2, B3, B4 C1, C2, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5

A detailed list of the programme outcomes is found in the Programme Specification. This is maintained by Registry and found at:

<https://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- Explain the key aspects of the administration of the tax system
- Prepare a tax adjusted trading profit (or loss) computation
- Construct an individual's tax liability
- Construct chargeable gains computations for individuals and companies
- Construct a company's corporation tax liability
- Advise a company on tax planning opportunities
- Prepare VAT calculations for common business transactions
- Prepare stamp tax liabilities
- Prepare inheritance tax computations

Cognitive Skills

- Apply numeracy and quantitative skills, including data analysis, interpretation and extrapolation
- Critically reflect on financial reporting methods

Practical and/or Professional Skills

- Advise clients on technical issues explained in an easily understandable way;
- Identify, develop and evaluate key business scenarios from a tax perspective;
- Research tax technical issues using the tax legislation;
- Demonstrate preparing and structuring reports which are tailored appropriately to the identified recipients
- Recommend the most appropriate taxation solution given a number of alternatives
- Appraise a suggested solution, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of such an approach

Key Skills

- Use judgement to identify the important issues and make appropriate recommendations;
- Identify, and demonstrate an understanding of general business issues
- Apply analytical and problem solving skills to a situation
- Demonstrate written and numerical communication skills to present information clearly, logically and be able to prioritise key information
- Demonstrate an ability to undertake independent study and to time and priority manage

Indicative Content:

- Income Tax Computations
- Capital Allowances
- Employment Income
- PAYE & NIC
- Investments and Pensions
- Value Added Tax
- Corporation Tax Computations
- Inheritance Tax
- Stamp Taxes
- Business Structures and Tax Planning
- Environmental Taxes and Subsidies

Assessment:

This course conforms to the University Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board and located at: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/university-policies/>

Teaching Methodology:

Teaching will be a combination of lectures and class exercises. Lectures will be designed to cover the fundamental issues and build upon the recommended chapters from the main textbook and additional recommended readings.

Indicative Text(s):**Core text**

Melville, A (2019) *Taxation Finance Act 2019*. 25th edition, Pearson, London:

Recommended Reading

Tolley's Tax Handbooks (Yellow and Orange)

CCH Tax Statutes and Statutory Instruments Volume 1 and 2 (Red and Green)

Journals

Accountancy (ICAEW)

Student Accountant (ACCA)

Web Sites

www.accaglobal.com

www.icaew.com

www.ifac.org

www.frc.org.uk

Please Note: The core and the reference texts will be reviewed at the time of designing the semester syllabus

Change Log for this CSD:

Major or Minor Change?	Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body	Change Actioned by Academic Registry
Minor	Reading List updated		
	Various updates as part of the UG programme review	AB Jan 2022	
	Revision – annual update	May 2023	