# MORAVIAN COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

# TAX PLANNING 352.2 PM

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Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to provide the student with a fundamental understanding of individual and business taxation. Topics include tax planning as it relates to individuals and business entities, tax implications of various types of businesses, and the use of investments, employee compensation, retirement plans, etc. as tax planning tools. The course will consist of lectures and short reading and writing assignments, and a project.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Comprehend the basic principles of individual and business taxation
- 2. Be aware of the role taxes play in financial and managerial decision making and should understand how taxes motivate people and institutions to engage in certain transactions and activities.
- 3. Understand the fundamentals of basic tax planning

#### READINGS

Assigned readings for the course will be from the following sources:

- Course book
- Articles distributed in class
- Accounting/Tax planning web sites

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Short reading and written problems will be assigned and reviewed in class. A project will be assigned.

Two tests and final exam will be administered.

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### **GRADING POLICY**

10% Attendance, class participation and homework assignments 10% Project 25% Test 1 25% Test 2 30% Final exam

# ACADEMIC HONESTY

All students are expected to adhere to the College's Policy on Academic Honesty as defined in the current Student Handbook. The College's expectations and the consequences of the failure to meet those expectations are outlined in the Student Handbook.

# **DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Elaine Mara, Assistant Director of Learning Services for Academic and Disability Support, at 1307 Main Street, or by calling 610-861-1510. Students with other needs/concerns are encouraged to make an appointment with Dr. Ronald Kline in the Counseling Center (all other disabilities). The Counseling Center is located at 1307 Main Street, or by calling (610) 861-1510. Please refer to the Moravian College Student Handbook under Academic Resources for more information.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Available by appointment. Will also be available after class for any questions or concerns.

Syllabus is subject to change at discretion of the instructor.