

Tax Research ACC731 - Course Specific Goals, Learning Strategies, and Assessment Matrix

Essential Questions: What does it mean to be a tax professional?
 How do tax professionals act as advocates for their clients and uphold professional standards?
 How does tax policy serve communities?

	Significant Learning Goals	Learning Strategies Classroom	Assignments	Assessment Method Formative or Summative
Foundational Knowledge	1) understand the research process 2) compare prof. standards under IRS and AICPA 3) analyze client facts and prepare documents in support of tax positions	Lab and lecture Lecture Lecture & online support	Tax software HW Writing on prof. stnds Client case memos	HW (F) writing assignment and quizzes (F & S) cases (F)
Application	Identify tax issues, research and communicate solutions	Lab Small group discussion	Case briefs Client case memos	case brief (F) cases (F)
Integration	Conduct tax planning to apply law in new areas	Simulation Lecture Small grp. discussion	Tax planning cases Tax policy papers	cases (F)
Self understanding	Display teamwork skills Create tax policy proposals		Group paper on tax policy Case brief presentations Financial workshop	paper (S) group and individual assessment (F&S) presentation assessment (S)
Commitment to Community (Citizenship)	Understand the role of tax professionals in serving clients and developing tax policy and acting upon it	Outside speakers/DIP Listen to webcasts small group work	Develop and present tax proposals Conduct information workshops	paper and presentation (S) workshop assessment (S)