

# Cover Sheet: Request 16130

## LAW 7XXX – Accounting for Tax Lawyers

### Info

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## Responses

### Recommended Prefix

*Enter the three letter code indicating placement of course within the discipline (e.g., POS, ATR, ENC). Note that for new course proposals, the State Common Numbering System (SCNS) may assign a different prefix.*

Response:

LAW

### Course Level

*Select the one digit code preceding the course number that indicates the course level at which the course is taught (e.g., 1=freshman, 2=sophomore, etc.).*

*Note: 5000 level courses must be submitted through the undergraduate new course process*

Response:

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### Course Number

*Enter the three digit code indicating the specific content of the course based on the SCNS taxonomy and course equivalency profiles. For new course requests, this may be XXX until SCNS assigns an appropriate number.*

Response:

XXX

### Category of Instruction

*Indicate whether the course is introductory, intermediate or advanced. Introductory courses are those that require no prerequisites and are general in nature. Intermediate courses require some prior preparation in a related area. Advanced courses require specific competencies or knowledge relevant to the topic prior to enrollment.*

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Response:

Advanced

- 1000 level = Introductory undergraduate
- 2000 level = Introductory undergraduate
- 3000 level = Intermediate undergraduate
- 4000 level = Advanced undergraduate
- 5000 level = Introductory graduate
- 6000 level = Intermediate graduate
- 7000 level = Advanced graduate
- 4000/5000= Joint undergraduate/graduate
- 4000/6000= Joint undergraduate/graduate

*\*Joint undergraduate/graduate courses must be approved by the UCC and the Graduate Council)*

**Lab Code**

Enter the lab code to indicate whether the course is lecture only (None), lab only (L), or a combined lecture and lab (C).

Response:  
None

**Course Title**

Enter the title of the course as it should appear in the Academic Catalog. There is a 100 character limit for course titles.

Response:  
Accounting for Tax Lawyers

**Transcript Title**

Enter the title that will appear in the transcript and the schedule of courses. Note that this must be limited to 30 characters (including spaces and punctuation).

Response:  
Accounting for Tax Lawyers

**Degree Type**

Select the type of degree program for which this course is intended.

Response:  
Professional

**Delivery Method(s)**

Indicate all platforms through which the course is currently planned to be delivered.

Response:  
On-Campus

**Co-Listing**

Will this course be jointly taught to undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional students?

Response:  
No

**Effective Term**

Select the requested term that the course will first be offered. Selecting "Earliest" will allow the course to be active in the earliest term after SCNS approval. If a specific term and year are selected, this should reflect the department's best projection. Courses cannot be implemented retroactively, and therefore the actual effective

*term cannot be prior to SCNS approval, which must be obtained prior to the first day of classes for the effective term. SCNS approval typically requires 2 to 6 weeks after approval of the course at UF.*

Response:  
Earliest Available

**Effective Year**

*Select the requested year that the course will first be offered. See preceding item for further information.*

Response:  
Earliest Available

**Rotating Topic?**

*Select "Yes" if the course can have rotating (varying) topics. These course titles can vary by topic in the Schedule of Courses.*

Response:  
No

**Repeatable Credit?**

*Select "Yes" if the course may be repeated for credit. If the course will also have rotating topics, be sure to indicate this in the question above.*

Response:  
No

**Amount of Credit**

*Select the number of credits awarded to the student upon successful completion, or select "Variable" if the course will be offered with variable credit and then indicate the minimum and maximum credits per section. Note that credit hours are regulated by Rule 6A-10.033, FAC. If you select "Variable" for the amount of credit, additional fields will appear in which to indicate the minimum and maximum number of total credits.*

Response:  
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**S/U Only?**

*Select "Yes" if all students should be graded as S/U in the course. Note that each course must be entered into the UF curriculum inventory as either letter-graded or S/U. A course may not have both options. However, letter-graded courses allow students to take the course S/U with instructor permission.*

Response:  
No

**Contact Type**

*Select the best option to describe course contact type. This selection determines whether base hours or headcount hours will be used to determine the total contact hours per credit hour. Note that the headcount hour options are for courses that involve contact between the student and the professor on an individual basis.*

Response:  
Regularly Scheduled

- Regularly Scheduled [base hr]
- Thesis/Dissertation Supervision [1.0 headcount hr]
- Directed Individual Studies [0.5 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Student Interns [0.8 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Teaching/Research [0.5 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Cooperative Education [0.8 headcount hr]

Contact the Office of Institutional Planning and Research (352-392-0456) with questions regarding contact type.

### Weekly Contact Hours

Indicate the number of hours instructors will have contact with students each week on average throughout the duration of the course.

Response:  
2

### Course Description

Provide a brief narrative description of the course content. This description will be published in the Academic Catalog and is limited to 500 characters or less. See course description guidelines.

Response:  
Examine financial accounting principles with an emphasis on their application to the practice of law. Analyze concepts and measurements that underlie financial statements and develop the skills needed to effectively analyze and interpret financial information.

### Prerequisites

Indicate all requirements that must be satisfied prior to enrollment in the course. Prerequisites will be automatically checked for each student attempting to register for the course. The prerequisite will be published in the Academic Catalog and must be formulated so that it can be enforced in the registration system. Please note that upper division courses (i.e., intermediate or advanced level of instruction) must have proper prerequisites to target the appropriate audience for the course.

Courses level 3000 and above must have a prerequisite.  
Please verify that any prerequisite courses listed are active courses.

Response:  
Students must have a JD to enroll in this course.

Completing Prerequisites on UCC forms:

- Use "&" and "or" to conjoin multiple requirements; do not use commas, semicolons, etc.
- Use parentheses to specify groupings in multiple requirements.
- Specifying a course prerequisite (without specifying a grade) assumes the required passing grade is D-. In order to specify a different grade, include the grade in parentheses immediately after the course number. For example, "MAC 2311(B)" indicates that students are required to obtain a grade of B in Calculus I. MAC2311 by itself would only require a grade of D-.
- Specify all majors or minors included (if all majors in a college are acceptable the college code is sufficient).
- "Permission of department" is always an option so it should not be included in any prerequisite or co-requisite.
- If the course prerequisite should list a specific major and/or minor, please provide the plan code for that major/minor (e.g., undergraduate Chemistry major = CHY\_BS, undergraduate Disabilities in Society minor = DIS\_UMN)

Example: A grade of C in HSC 3502, passing grades in HSC 3057 or HSC 4558, and undergraduate PBH student

should be written as follows: HSC 3502(C) & (HSC 3057 or HSC 4558) & UGPBH  
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### **Co-requisites**

Indicate all requirements that must be taken concurrently with the course. Co-requisites are not checked by the registration system. If there are none please enter N/A.

Response:  
NA

### **Rationale and Placement in Curriculum**

Explain the rationale for offering the course and its place in the curriculum.

Response:  
Accounting is the language of business. As advisors and consultants to businesses, tax lawyers must not only possess the necessary legal expertise, but also understand and analyze transactions and issues through the lens of the business. Understanding accounting and how it drives business decisions is an important tool in every tax lawyer's skillset. T

### **Course Objectives**

Describe the core knowledge and skills that student should derive from the course. The objectives should be both observable and measurable.

Response:  
After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the financial statements prepared by a business organization.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic financial accounting principles used to create financial statements.
3. Develop a working knowledge of the regulatory framework for public company financial statements.
4. Understand the relationship between the preparation of financial statements and the independent audit of those financial statements.
5. Analyze and interpret financial information to better inform a transactional and litigation practice.

### **Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned Reading**

Enter the title, author(s) and publication date of textbooks and/or readings that will be assigned. &nbsp;Please provide specific examples&nbsp;to evaluate the course and identify required textbooks.&nbsp;

Response:  
The textbook for this course is Introductory Accounting, Finance and Auditing for Lawyers, 7th Edition by Lawrence A. Cunningham. Additional readings (including links to various regulations and standards of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB")), materials, and problems may be provided on Canvas.

### **Weekly Schedule of Topics**

Provide a projected weekly schedule of topics. This should have sufficient detail to evaluate how the course would meet current curricular needs and the extent to which it overlaps with existing courses at UF.

Response:

## Class Date Topic Assignment

1

Course Introduction;  
Basic Principles and Regulatory  
Framework

Ch 1 (all)

2

The Accounting Equation Ch 2 (all)

3

Accrual Accounting and Recognition  
Principles Ch 3 (all except skim §E)

4

Inventory and Cost of Goods Sold Ch 4 (all except skim §C-D)

5

Fixed Assets and Depreciation Ch 5 (all)

6

Other Assets and Liability Issues Ch 6 (all except skim §C, E, F, H)

7

Accounting for Equity and Capital;  
Financial Statement Analysis Ch 7 (all) and 8 (all except skim §D)

8

Statement of Cash Flows Ch 9 (all except skim §G)

9

Finance Basics – Valuation Principles Ch 10 (all)

10

Finance Basics – Valuation  
Techniques Ch 11 (all)

11

Auditing Ch 13 (all except skim §B) and 14 (all)

12

The Lawyer's Role;  
Accounting Frauds and Audit Failures Ch 15 (all) and 16 (all)

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Virtual Review

FINAL EXAM Per UF Final Exam Schedule

## Grading Scheme

*List the types of assessments, assignments and other activities that will be used to determine the course grade, and the percentage contribution from each. This list should have sufficient detail to evaluate the course rigor and grade integrity. Include details about the grading rubric and percentage breakdowns for determining grades. If participation and/or attendance are part of the students grade, please provide a rubric or details regarding how those items will be assessed.*

Response:

Grades will be based solely on the following:

Final Exam 90%

Participation 10%

100%

UF Law's mean and mandatory distributions are posted on the College's website and this class adheres to that posted grading policy. The following chart describes the specific letter grade/grade point equivalent in place:

Letter Grade Points

A (Excellent) 4.00

A- 3.67

B+ 3.33

B (Good) 3.00

B- 2.67

C+ 2.33

C (Satisfactory) 2.00

C- 1.67  
D+ 1.33  
D (Poor) 1.00  
D- 0.67  
E (Failure) 0.00

The law school grading policy applies to this course and is available at UF Law Student Handbook & Academic Policies. Note that the mandatory mean does not apply to LL.M. students.

### **Instructor(s)**

*Enter the name of the planned instructor or instructors, or "to be determined" if instructors are not yet identified.*

Response:

Sonia R. Singh, J.D., LL.M., CPA

### **Attendance & Make-up**

*Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Attendance policy.*

*A required statement related to class attendance, make-up exams and other work will be included in the syllabus and adhered to in the course. Courses may not have any policies which conflict with the University of Florida policy. The following statement may be used directly in the syllabus.*

• *Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:*

*<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.*

Response:

Yes

### **Accommodations**

*Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Accommodations policy.*

*A statement related to accommodations for students with disabilities will be included in the syllabus and adhered to in the course. The following statement may be used directly in the syllabus:*

• *Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.*

Response:

Yes

### **UF Grading Policies for assigning Grade Points**

*Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Grading policies.*

*Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points is required to be included in the course syllabus. The following link may be used directly in the syllabus:*

• *<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>*

Response:



Yes

### **Course Evaluation Policy**

#### *Course Evaluation Policy*

*Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Course Evaluation Policy.*

*A statement related to course evaluations will be included in the syllabus. The following statement may be used directly in the syllabus:*

• *Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.*

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Response:

Yes