University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Curriculum Proposal Form #4A

# **Change in an Existing Course**

Type of Action (check all that apply)

[ ]  Course Revision (*include course description & former and new syllabus)* [ ]  Grade Basis

[x]  Contact Hour Change and or Credit Change [ ]  Repeatability Change

[ ]  Diversity Option [ ]  Other:

[ ]  General Education Option

 area:  **\***

\* Note: For the Gen Ed option, the proposal should address how this course relates to specific core courses, meets the goals of General Education in providing breadth, and incorporates scholarship in the appropriate field relating to women and gender.

**Effective Term**:

**Current Course Number** (*subject area and 3-digit course number*): 756

**Current Course Title**: Corporate and Special Entities Tax

**Sponsor(s)**: Carol J. Normand

**Department(s):** Accounting

**College(s):**

**List all programs that are affected by this change:**

**MPA**

If programs are listed above, will this change affect the Catalog and Advising Reports for those programs? If so, have Form 2's been submitted for each of those programs?

(Form 2 is necessary to provide updates to the Catalog and Advising Reports)

[ ]  NA [ ]  Yes [ ]  They will be submitted in the future

Proposal Information: ([***Procedures for form #4A***](http://acadaff.uww.edu/UCC/Curriculum_Handbook_09/Procedures_form4A.docx))

1. **Detailed explanation of changes** (use FROM/TO format)

***FROM:***

Corporate and Special Entities Tax – 4 credits

***TO:***

Corporate and Special Entities Tax – 3 credits

## Justification for action

The original MPA course sequence included three 4-unit courses: ACCT 756, ACCT 757, and ACCT 781. This 3-course 4-unit model has not worked. Beginning in Spring 2012 the number of units for ACCOUNT 781 has been reduced from 4-units to 3-units. This has created an imbalance of one unit in the MPA course sequence.

We are proposing a return from 4-units to 3-unit for ACCT 756 to address the imbalance in the MPA course sequence and make program planning easier and more flexible for our students.

1. **Syllabus/outline** (if course revision, include former syllabus and new syllabus)

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**ACCOUNT 756, 3-unit (Corporate and Special Entities Taxation)**

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| **Topic/Activity** | SuggestedTime InWeeks |
| Administer & Review Exams and Take-Home Quiz | **2.0** |
| Overview of Course | **.25** |
| Compare/Contrast Income Tax of Corporations & Sole Proprietor and Corporation Tax Forms | **.75** |
| Forming the Corporation | **1.0** |
|  1. Requirements for Non-recognition of Gain 2. Receiving Boot Causing Recognition Gain 3. Assuming Liabilities Causing Recognized Gain 4. Lack of Control Causing Recognized Gain 5. Basis Issues 6. Ethical Issues & Planning Opportunities  |  |
| Corporate Earnings & Profits, Dividends | **1.0** |
|  1. Importance of and Definition of Earnings & Profits 2. Calculating Earnings & Profits 3. Current and Accumulated Earnings & Profits 4. Taxation of Cash Distributions & Stock Basis 5. Property Distributions 6. Ethical Issues & Planning Opportunities |  |
| Corporate Redemptions and Liquidations | **1.0** |
|  1. Defining Redemptions and Liquidations 2. Capital Gain vs. Ordinary Income Treatment 3. Stock Attribution Rules 4. Redemptions Qualifying for Capital Gain Treatment 5. Calculating Disproportionate Redemptions, Complete Terminations, & Redemptions to Pay Death Taxes 6. Liquidations and their Effect on Corp. & Stockholders 7. Applying the Loss Limitations Rules 8. Ethical Issues & Planning Opportunities  |  |
| Partnership (and Limited Liability Company) Taxation | **2.5** |
|  1. Structure of the Tax and Partnership Tax Forms 2. Partnership Income or Loss and Separately Stated Items 3. Inside and Outside Basis 4. Contributed Property Issues 5. Elections 6. Tax Year Limitations 7. Calculation of Partner's Basis 8. Loss Limitations 9. At Risk and Passive Loss Limitations 10. Guaranteed Payments 11. Cash Distributions 12. Property Distributions 13. Liquidation Distributions - Partner Retires or Dies 14. Liquidation Distributions - Partnership Ceases Operations 15. Sale of Partnership Interest 16. Election to Adjust Basis of Partnership Property 17. Termination of a Partnership 18. Family Service & Capital - Intensive Partnerships 19. FICA Taxes 20. Ethical Issues & Planning Opportunities |  |
| Subchapter S Corporations | **1.5** |
|  1. Importance and Comparison/Advantages compared to Regular Corporations and Partnerships 2. S Corp. Tax Forms 3. Electing S Corp. Status and Loss of Election 4. Operational Rules 5. S Corp. Income or Loss and Separately Stated Items 6. Accumulated Adjustment Account 7. Cash and Property Distributions 8. Cash Distributions With and Without E & P 9. Calculation of Owner's Basis 10. Deductibility of Losses 11. Tax on Built In Gains 12. Fringe Benefits Compared to Regular Corps and to Partnerships 13. Ethical Issues & Planning Opportunities |  |
| Estate and Gift Tax | **2.5** |
|  1. Nature of the Taxes and their Interrelationship 2. Valuation Issues and the Alternate Valuation Date 3. Property Concepts 4. Elements of the Estate and Gift Taxes 5. Gift Tax Exclusions, Deductions, Disclaimers, and Calculation of the Tax 6. Gift Tax Forms 7. The Gross Estate 8. Property Owned by the Decedent 9. Certain Gifts Within 3 Years of Death 10. Retained Life Estates & Revocable Transfers 11. Powers of Appointment 12. Annuities and Pensions 13. Joint Interests 14. Wisconsin Martial (Community) Property 15. Life Insurance 16. Marital Deduction 17. Power of Appointment and QTIP Trusts 18. Tax Credits, including the Unified Credit 19. Estate Tax Forms 20. Generation Skipping Transfer Tax 21. Basis of Gifted and Inherited Property 22. Income in Respect of a Decedent 23. Effect of the 2001 Tax Legislation 24. Estate Tax Freeze 25. Ethics and Malpractice Considerations 26. Gift and Estate Tax Planning Using the Marital and Charitable Deductions |  |
| Tax Exempt Organizations | **.5** |
|  1. Types of Organizations, including 503(c)(3) Organizations 2. Taxes Assessed against these Organizations and the Policy Reasons 3. Private Foundations 4. The Unrelated Business Income Tax  |  |

The 4-unit course included the following topics in addition to the topics covered above:

BEFORE Partnership Taxation, please add:

Tax Administration and Penalties 3.0

1. Deficiencies
2. Audit Process
3. Appeals
4. Penalties
5. Statute of Limitations

Miscellaneous Topics 2.0

1. Domestic Production Activities Deduction
2. Sec. 83 Restricted Stock (replacing stock options in corporations)
3. Current Topics and New Laws and/or Cases

BEFORE Estate and Gift Tax, please add:

Comparative Forms of Doing Business 2.0

1. Nontax Factors
2. Single vs. Double Tax
3. Reducing the Entity Tax
4. Conduit vs, Entity Treatment
5. Disposal of Ownership Interest
6. Overall Comparison of Forms of Doing Business

CPA Firm Speaker(s) on Tax Careers in CPA Firms and Industry 1.0

AFTER Estate and Gift Tax, please add:

Wisconsin Estate Tax 2.0

1. Background: 2001 changes in Federal Estate Tax

Wisconsin Estate Tax provisions