## OVERVIEW OF STATE & LOCAL TAXATION COURSE NUMBER 5259

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Description:

This course provides a broad-based overview of the general issues involved in state and local taxation (income, franchise, sale and use, and property). Topics to be discussed include:

- 1. Constitutional limitations of a state's ability to impose a tax on certain types of taxpayers and categories of income.
- 2. Issues with respect to multistate income taxation, including apportionment and allocation.
- 3. A review of non-income based taxes (sales and use tax, property tax).
- 4. State tax issues related to individual income tax.
- 5. Consideration of state tax controversy procedures.

Class Schedule & Attendance:

The class will meet weekly on Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The University of Houston Law Center's policy requires a student to attend a minimum of 80% of classes. For the final exam, students will be required to sign an Honor Code declaration stating they have met the University of Houston Law Center's requirement regarding attendance to this class.

There are no scheduled make-up classes at this time, but up to two make-up sessions are possible for this course.

Expectations:

Students should come to class prepared and ready to discuss the assignments. Students with active and thoughtful class participation may see their grades raised by one grade interval (B to B+). Students who do not participate or have frequent absences are subject to a lower grade adjustment of one grade interval (B to B-).

Assignments:

There is no casebook for this class. A list of reading assignments will be will be posted/distributed in class.

Final Exam:

The grade for this course will depend on the result of the final exam, subject to the class participation adjustment described above. The final exam will be a take-home paper. Dates and process to be discussed in class.

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