TAX RESEARCH

COURSE INFORMATION

Professor Nathan Jones

A. Course Materials

Richmond, Federal Tax Research (9th Edition)

B. Approaching Tax Research

This course will be taught by combining lectures and hands-on learning exercises with problem sets to be completed outside of class. The purpose of the course is to familiarize students who plan to pursue a career in tax law with the research tools that they will need in tax practice.

C. Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on assignments (problem sets) throughout the semester and a final project. There are 7 problem sets for the course, each of which will be 8% of your final grade. The final project will comprise 40% of your grade. The final 4% will be based upon your participation throughout the semester.

Assignments are due in Room 203 by 4:00 p.m. on the due date provided to you. I will subtract one (1) point from a student's grade for the assignment if it is turned in later than 4:00 p.m. on the day that it is due, and I will subtract an additional two (2) points for each day that the assignment is late thereafter. Please note that each point represents a full percentage point of your final grade.

D. Attendance Policy

I believe that attending class is a beneficial part of the learning process and will improve your understanding of the materials presented in the course as well as your performance in the course (and, hence, your final grade). Accordingly, my attendance policy is designed to reward those who attend classes regularly and to penalize those who do not, as follows:

There are 14 scheduled classes in Tax Research this semester. Any student who misses one class or less will receive one (1) extra point on his or her final grade. Any student who misses more than four (4) classes will lose two (2) points on his or her final grade. Finally, any student who misses more than seven (7) classes will be dropped from the course. I will notify any student in jeopardy of being dropped from the course after six (6) misses. Again, please note that each point represents a full percentage point of your final grade.