MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TAXATION SCHEDULE

Summer 2015

Tax Policy Capstone

**Bus 223H** Capstone course that examines the principles and policies that underlie and shape tax systems and rules. Students gain a broader perspective of the tax law beyond its technical application, and learn how tax, economic, social and environmental policies interact. Completion of this course satisfies the MST comprehensive project requirement.

**Prerequisites:** Completion of at least 3 tax core classes; take towards end of your program of study.

**Instructor:** Prof. Annette Nellen, JD, MBA, CPA
San José State University

Thursdays June 25 to Aug 13 from 6pm to 10pm
Saturday August 1 from 9 am – 1 pm
No class on August 6
Two class sessions online

State Taxation Fundamentals

**Bus 225F** Introduction to the legal foundation, nature and operation of key state and local taxes. Constitutional constraints regarding nexus, sourcing and apportionment are covered. Additional topics include research techniques, compliance and planning considerations, current issues and state tax reform.

**Prerequisites:** Bus 223A

**Instructor:** Brian Pedersen, MBA, CPA
Alvarez & Marsal
Managing Director

Tuesdays June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11
6 – 10 pm
One class session online

Foundation for Understanding Taxation

**Bus 227E (1 unit)** Legal foundation of taxes, types of taxes, and underlying theories, definitions and concepts. How to analyze transactions and activities for tax consequences. Helps strengthen one's overall understanding of taxation and application of analytical skills to resolving tax issues.

**Prerequisite:** graduate standing; at least one undergraduate tax course.

**Instructor:** Prof. Annette Nellen, JD, MBA, CPA
San José State University

Wednesdays June 24, July 1, 8 and 15 from 6pm – 10 pm

Personal and Business Leadership Skills for Tax Practitioners (2 units)

**Bus 227F** – Learn the intrapersonal and interpersonal skills and knowledge a tax practitioner needs for personal and professional success. Includes listening, oral and written communication, ethical reasoning, relationship and team building, establishment and assessment of accountability measures, time management, and career planning.

**Instructor:** Vince Fong, JD, CPA, MBA
Mondays  June 15 to August 10 from 6 pm – 10 pm
No class on July 6.

Check website below for syllabus and assignment for the first class meeting.

All classes require graduate standing.

If you are not enrolled in the MST Program and want to take a course via "Open University" please see requirements at the website noted below.

All 3-unit classes meet from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. except as noted and for Saturday classes which are from 9A – 1P or 9A – 5P (see schedule).