AFAT 420 - Advanced Taxation I

Course Title	Advanced Taxation I					
Course Code	AFAT 420					
Course Type	Elective					
Level	BA (Level 1)					
Year / Semester	7th					
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ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories/week		
Course Purpose	The module aims to interpret the results of advanced tax computations for individuals and companies and express in report or letter format. It also aims to identify the principles underlying personal financial management. Students should be able to construct advanced personal and corporate tax computations in the areas of corporation tax, capital gains tax, income tax, social contributions and VAT. The module aims to examine computational and theoretical aspects of immoveable property tax and special defence contribution liabilities. Finally, it aims to evaluate overseas and group aspects involving the interaction of taxes and propose tax saving schemes.					
Learning Outcomes	By the end of the lesson, the student will be able to: 1. Interpret the results of advanced tax computations for individuals and companies and express in report or letter format. 2. Identify the principles underlying personal financial management. 3. Apply to given information, the principles of personal financial management for individuals. 4. Construct advanced personal and corporate tax computations in the areas of: corporation tax, capital gains tax, income tax, social contributions and VAT. 5. Examine computational and theoretical aspects of immoveable property tax and special defence contribution liabilities. 6. Evaluate overseas and group aspects involving the interaction of taxes and propose tax saving schemes. 7. Apply tax planning aspects to overseas tax.					

	8. Apply tax planning aspects to companies concerning aspects of: corporation tax, capital gains tax and special defence contributions amongst others. 9. Apply tax planning aspects to companies concerning aspects of: income tax, capital gains tax and special defence contributions amongst others.. 10. Apply communication skills in the form of: reports, memos, letters and presentations.		
Prerequisites	ABSA 414.	Corequisites	None.
Course Content	• **All areas covered in ABSA 413 and ABSA 414 are transferred to AFAT 420.** • **Corporation tax:** Construct computations involving basic and advanced aspects (such as groups, overseas tax, closed companies and investment companies). Consider the tax aspects of capital reorganisations. • **Overseas tax:** Distinguish between unilateral and double tax relief. Prepare tax computations involving individuals and companies involving overseas aspects and consider tax planning aspects. • **Immoveable Property tax:** Examine the scope of this tax. Prepare computations for immoveable property tax and recognise the administration of the tax. • **Special Defence Contributions:** Examine the scope of this tax. Prepare computations for these contributions and recognise the administration of the tax. Examine its role in tax planning especially in the case of deemed distributions. • **Personal Financial Management:** Identify and explain personal financial management concerning taxation aspects such as: sources of finance for private purposes; mortgage products and investment products for individuals. Apply personal financial management principles to case study scenarios.		

	• **Capital Gains Tax:** Examine the scope of this tax. Prepare computations for the tax and recognise the administration of the tax. Examine aspects of capital gains tax in the areas such as gifts, inheriting property, exchanging property etc. Produce solutions to minimising tax using available tax reliefs. • **VAT:** Evaluate the basic principles of VAT for groups and divisions. Identify the rules on advanced aspects of VAT such as: the supply of land and buildings; supplies within the EU; imports and exports etc. • **Income tax:** Assess the basic principles of income tax. Prepare income tax computations for individuals involving both basic principles and advanced aspects (such as: benefits in kind, overseas tax, pensions, tax efficient investments, partnerships etc). • **Tax planning:** Applying tax planning solutions for individuals and companies concerning: corporation tax, income tax, special defence contributions, social contributions and VAT.
Teaching Methodology	The taught part of course is delivered to the students by means of lectures, conducted with the help of computer presentations. Lecture notes and presentations are available through the web for students to use in combination with the textbooks. Lectures are supplemented with class exercises carried out in class and via homework. Class exercises for homework are submitted on the e-learning platform for students to attempt and the solutions are posting on the platform at a later date (around one week).
Bibliography	Textbooks: Savvides S (latest edition), Advanced Taxation (Cyprus) (P6) Textbook, CTR Publications. References: Polina Jacovides Michael: Cyprus Taxation: A Comprehensive Guide (Textbook), 2019. Polina Jacovides Michael: Cyprus Taxation Question Bank, 2019. Deloitte Cyprus, Cyprus Tax Facts 2019, Deloitte Cyprus. PWC, The tax system in Cyprus, January 2019, PWC.

	Georgiou, A and P. Kontakos (2018), Investment Incentives and Attracting Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) – Evidence From Cyprus, Science and Business: Development Ways, Issue No. 3 (81), 2018, pp. 157-161.
Assessment	(a) Methods: Students will be assessed with coursework that involves an assignment (with a written report and presentation), a midterm test and a final exam. The course involves both explaining tax principles concepts and also solving practical problems in taxation. (b) Criteria: The assessment criteria can be generalised as follows concerning the area assessed: • 86% or more – Excellent application of problem solving skills. • 76%-85% - Very good application of problem solving skills. • 66%-75% - Good application of problem solving skills. • 56%-65% - Satisfactory with some success in applying problem solving skills • 50%-55% -Satisfactory with limited success in applying problem solving skills • Below 50% -Little or no application of problem solving skills. (c) Weights: • Assignment 20% • Mid-term test 20% • Final exam 60%
Language	English.