**Wayland Mission Statement**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Contact Information**

**Course**

: ACCT 5311 <<Section01>> – Estate & Gift Taxation

**Campus**

: <<WBUonline >>

**Term/Session**

**:** <<Spring 2025>>

**Instructor**

**:** <<Dr. Ralph J Palumbo>>

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**:** <<I520-360-9179>>

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**Office Hours, Building, and Location**

**:** << Virtual, most days 9 AM – 6 PM EST >>

**Class Meeting Time and Location**

**:** <<Virtual, Blackboard>>

**Catalog Description**

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Topic not covered by other accounting offerings, or not covered in the same depth.

**Prerequisites:**ACCT 2306 or ACCT 3308

**Textbook Information**

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials**

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| **BOOK** | **AUTHOR** | **ED** | **YEAR** | **PUBLISHER** | **ISBN#** |
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| South-Western Federal Taxation 2025: Comprehensive | Maloney/Young | 48th | 2025 | Cengage | 9780-35798-9203 |

*If this is an UNDERGRAD class the textbook for this course is part of the* ***Pioneer Academic Access Program****. You will have access to an eBook and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. If the course requires a physical book you can order at bookstore.wbu.edu. The cost of all your materials are billed to your student account at $26.00 per credit hour. You can choose to opt-out, however if you do you will lose access to* ***all******classes/materials*** *and have to source through third party vendors You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If you are in a GRADUATE class you will have an Automatic eBook which is billed directly to your student account or a physical book that can be purchased at bookstore.wbu.edu.  If you do not wish to participate in the Automatic eBook program, you will have the first week of class to opt-out of the program (additional details will be outlined in your email instructions).*

**Optional Materials**

**:** << Computer access. Cell phones will NOT always work >>

**Course Outcome Competencies**

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* Understand the taxation of estates, gifts and trusts.
* Identify the different types of trusts.
* Learn methods to reduce taxes of estates.
* Study effective estate planning tools.

**Attendance Requirements**

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WBUonline

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

**University Policies**

**Academic Integrity**

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[Link to Statement on Academic Integrity](https://www.wbu.edu/academics/writing-center/Academic%20Integrity%20Statement%20Pol%208.4.1%20Attch%20Oct%2020222.pdf)

**Artificial Intelligence:** .

* 1. **No use of any generative AI tools permitted.**
     1. Students are required to create and produce all work themselves or with assigned group members. Any work submitted that has used an AI generative tool like ChatGPT will be in immediate violation of the academic integrity policies for the course and WBU.
     2. All assignments must be fully created, designed, and prepared by the student(s).
     3. Any work that uses generative AI will be treated as plagiarism.

**Disability Statement:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests. Office: (806) 291-1057. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

<< Discussion Board 50%

Case studies 50%

Total 100%

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**Student Grade Appeals**

**:** Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

**Tentative Schedule**

<<Calendar, Topics, and Assignments are posted in Blackboard>>

**Additional Information**

<< ***All correspondence with the professor must include student’s name, course title and section.***

*Format:* This is an online course and you are expected to have access to the Internet and possess adequate computer competencies to email assignments as attachments and download and upload files. This course requires homework and discussions on a weekly basis. The course is not designed as a self-paced course. No excuses because of other classes or commitments will be accepted for your failure to comply with these requirements.

Announcements will be posted on the site from time to time and *you* ***are responsible for reading and adhering to all information in the announcements.***

The professor will initiate a discussion board and students are encouraged to exchange ideas through the discussion board. Remember, all work submitted must be your own. *Participation in the discussion board will be the basis for your class participation grade* and takes the place of live discussion in a classroom setting. The purpose is to exchange ideas among students and the professor so feel free to respond to other students’ remarks or ask the professor to jump in. ***All students are expected to logon a minimum of two days (and make a post on each day) and have a total of three posts each week to earn full credit.*** Students are required to have an initial post no later than Wednesday of the current week. There will be a penalty of 20% for failure to have your initial post completed by Wednesday 11:59 PM Central Time Zone. All questions regarding the course, homework or reading assignments or other related course questions are to be posted in the Help! discussion board so that all students have an opportunity to read them and comment. The course is not designed as a one-on-one course with the professor and, as in a classroom; sometimes many students have the same question. Posting a question to the discussion board will help all of us get through the course easier. Please note that the discussion board is for discussion of the current chapter and you are expected to participate. Participation does not mean going back to prior discussions and posting comments, which is too late. Participation requires that your post add something of value to the discussion and should be more than a mere “I agree” or “good post”. Your grade will be computed as an average of the number of posts and the number of days you were present AND posted.

Grading Rubric for Discussion Board

* + Post on one day 25.0
  + Post on second day 25.0
  + Total for days 50
  + Initial post 16.66
  + Second post 16.67
  + Third post 16.67
  + Total for posts 50
  + TOTAL 100

*Assignments:* A schedule of reading assignments, Exercises and Problems by week will be posted. The course is designed to run from Monday morning to midnight the following Saturday. If you would like to begin your discussion board work on Sunday for the upcoming week that is acceptable, but no posting on Sunday for the prior week will be accepted. You will be graded on two areas, number of posts made during the week and number of days present in the discussion board. **Late assignments will be penalized. There is no make up for missed class discussions.**

**NOTE:** ***This course ends at 11:59 PM Central Time Zone on Saturday of the week****.*

*Case study:* There will be several written individual case projects that will be posted through Safe Assignment, a system utilized to check papers for plagiarism. *Note that the due date for posting the paper is listed in the Assignment area.* Late papers will be penalized 10% per 24 hour period and will earn a zero after four days. There will be no make-up of missed research papers.

The cases will be submitted in MS Word. The case will address an area of tax law, be approximately 4-5 pages in length, prepared following APA style format as required by the Division of Business. The student is expected to search for and read a minimum of three (3) articles in peer reviewed professional journals and provide a list of references used. If you have any questions or concerns about what is or is not a peer reviewed journal please do not hesitate to ask me, or one of your other professors.

Websites and text books are NOT peer reviewed literature however; I will allow one additional reference to be from the official website of a nationally recognized organization such as the IRS, AICPA, IMA, GASB, or other site with my prior approval.

Please acquaint yourself with the current catalog concerning academic dishonesty and plagiarism while preparing your papers. Plagiarism could be the inadvertent failure to use quotation marks or footnotes and should be carefully monitored.

**COURSE CONDUCT:**

1. No make-up exams except for documented emergencies!
2. Late assignments will be penalized. Assignments are due by 11:59 PM Saturday CST.
3. Any exams or assignments that appear to be the same as that of any other student will result in a grade of zero for both students. Independent work on assignments is critical if the student is to understand the concepts and applications presented in this course.

In all written assignments, good grammar, spelling and style are expected and will affect your grade>>

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