There is no book for this course. The readings consist of articles that are posted to the TWEN site for the course.

Each assignment is expected to take approximately one week (Financial Products may be longer).

Assignment I.

Reading: Powerpoint Slides for Class I

Suggested Reading: Chapter 1, TAXES AND BUSINESS STRATEGY, Scholes and Wolfson

Time value of money, value of deferral versus immediate deduction. The value of different investment Vehicles.

Assignment II Consumption Taxes

Reading: Alan Auerbach, The Choice Between an Income and Consumption Tax: A Primer
       Alvin Warren, How Much Income Taxed under an Income Tax is Exempt under a Consumption Tax

Assignment III Corporate Taxes

Reading: Alan Auerbach, Who Bears the Corporate Income Tax: A Review of What We Know
       Chorvat, Apologia for the Double Taxation of Corporate Income

Assignment IV Executive Compensation and Taxes

Readings: Nancy Rose and Catherine Wolfram, Regulating Executive Pay: Using the Tax Code to Influence CEO Compensation
       Balsam and Ryan, Limiting Executive Compensation: The Case Of CEO’s Hired After the Imposition of 162(m)

Assignment V. Financial Products

       David Schizer, Balance in the Taxation of Derivative Securities
       Lawrence Lokken, Taxation of Credit Derivatives
Also read:

Comments by Andrea Kramer, David Miller and Alex Raskolnikov on “Tax Reform and the Treatment of Financial Products

Background: Joint Committee, Present Law and Issues Related to the Taxation of Financial Instruments and Products

Assignment VI. Taxing Capital Gains

Alan Auerbach and Kevin Hassett, The 2003 Dividend Tax Cut and the Value of the Firm: An Event Study

Assignment VII. Social Security and Saving for Retirement

Reading: Jagadeesh Gokhale and Kent Smetters, Fiscal and Generational Imbalances: An Update


Assignment VIII. The Estate Tax

Readings: Cagetti and De Nardi, Taxation, Entrepreneurship and Wealth
Sawyers, Restructuring Estate and Gift Taxes
Kopczuk and Slemrod, Dying to Save Taxes: Evidence for Estate Tax Returns on the Death Elasticity

Assignment IX. Complexity and Compliance

Reading: Kaplow, How Tax Complexity and Enforcement Affect the Equity and Efficiency of the Income Tax

Assignment X. Tax Shelters

Daniel Shaviro, Corporate Tax Shelters in a Global Economy

Assignment XI. Home Mortgage Interest Deduction

Edward L. Glaeser, Jesse M. Shapiro The Benefits of the Home Mortgage Interest Deduction
Assignment XII. International Aspects of U.S. Taxation
Hines and Desai, *Old Rules and New Realities, Corporate Tax Policy in a Global Setting*