Objectives:
• Gain an overview of the business like approach adopted by tax administrators to the way they manage and lead their administrations in response to government demand for greater revenues and administrative effectiveness
• Examine new thinking by tax administrators as to how to deliver outcomes sought by their key stakeholders, within an environment of increasing complexity, the need to improve the level of voluntary compliance and to detect and deter taxpayer non-compliance whilst reducing administrative overheads and the cost to business when complying with tax laws
• Explore the changing nature of tax administration as it responds to these demands

Content:
• Use of revenue authorities
• Strategies and models used to improve voluntary compliance
• Administrative policy and legislative developments
• The application of the self assessment concept
• The managing of risks to compliance
• The measuring of revenue assessment and collection performance
• Process re-engineering
• The developing of new capabilities and the managing of change

Timetable:
Semester 1 Intensive
20-22 & 25-26 May 2009

Assessment:
1 x Take-Home Exam (100%)

Applicable degrees:
• Master of Laws (LLM)
• Master of Administrative Law & Policy (MALP)
• Master of Business Law (MBL)
• Master of Taxation (MTax)
• Master of International Taxation (MIntTax)
• Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw)
• Graduate Diploma in Taxation (GradDipTax)

Legal Professional Development (LPD)
You can enrol in this unit on an LPD basis. Seminars, courses and units of study offered under Sydney Law School’s LPD Program meet the necessary requirements of both the Law Society of New South Wales and the New South Wales Bar Association in relation to their individual members.

Single Unit Enrolment
You can enrol in this subject on a single unit or non-award basis if you do not wish to commit to a Masters or Graduate Diploma. You can continue to add units via this method, and provided you meet the relevant requirements, you can also qualify for a Graduate Diploma or Masters if you so wish.

Cross-Institutional Study
Subject to approval from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Coursework), candidates in other Faculties at the University of Sydney or from other universities may be able to enrol in this unit.

Fee:
$2,310 - $2,550*
*Dependent upon enrolment category

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