

Program Evaluation

Quality of program materials (as evidenced by relevance, substance and readability)

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
5	4	0	0	0	0	4.6

Effectiveness of the discussion leader: Knowledge of subject matter

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
2	4	3	0	0	0	3.9

Effectiveness of the discussion leader: Presentation skills

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
2	1	3	2	1	0	3.1

Effectiveness of the discussion leader: Enthusiasm for the program

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	1	2	3	0	0	3.4

What characteristics did you appreciate most in the Discussion Leader? Suggest ways he/she could improve his/her effectiveness.

Examples from practice

She was very nice, calm and friendly. She was able to give advice when a question was asked in class on a particular scenario related to the type of return we were discussing. Her effectiveness could be improved if she would move around in the front of the room some to keep us looking up and to keep our attention better. She stayed seated the whole time and read the course material from the computer.

I felt that she was very nice and was able to easily explain the questions that we asked. When we asked questions, that is when I felt we were learning the most.

She was very patient with students.

Lynn was great at including the class in her discussions

She was very enthusiastic about the subject materials. However, when it came to certain topics it did not seem like she had experience with those specific topics.

Lynn was a great instructor first and foremost. My constructive criticism would be that if she takes over this course again, to review the material and hit the most important points of each chapter and have a review problem for each. She did not have a chance to do this since she was a last minute fill in and I understand this. So really my recommendation is that she become more familiar with the material so that she can use the time more effectively. Once again though, she was a knowledgeable and effective presenter that was a joy to have as a teacher. If she knew the material a bit better she may have been able to use the time better and more efficient. Thank you to you both, I enjoyed my time with you!

I liked how she used real world experiences to relate the material so we could understand it better.

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Please describe any other observations or recommendations that you may have about the program

More dynamic discussion, more examples to work through

The course materials are very good and detailed. I will definitely use them as a reference and guide for questions that I have.

I thought the information could have been presented differently. Since we all have at least had a tax class in college or have had some work experience, I think it would have been more beneficial to go over more examples. Instead of listening to lecture for an hour and then go over an example, I think it would have been more beneficial to start with examples and then go over the rules that apply to those examples. It would have been nice to break into groups for group problems too. It is hard to pay attention when there is so much information and we are simply trying to listen to it all.

I think it will be more beneficial for students to grasp the concepts if we have more examples to practice on. (i.e. prepare a complete Form 1040).

I would like to see more examples and problems in the program

Our teacher was great. However, next time maybe a more experienced teacher on all topics being covered not just some of them.

I think more group work would be effective, such as working as a group on the problems. Talking out loud to others would liven it up and help us learn from others knowledge base.

Number of months you have been in public accounting:

	<u># Responses</u>
12 - 24	3
6 - 12	2
Less than 6	3
More than 24	1

Topical Evaluation

Individual Taxation: Rating

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	4	2	0	0	0	4.1

Individual Taxation: Time Spent

	<u># Responses</u>
OK	9

Preparation of S Corp, LLC and Partnership Return: Rating

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	2	4	0	0	0	3.9

Preparation of S Corp, LLC and Partnership Return: Time Spent

	<u># Responses</u>
OK	7
Too Little	1
Too Much	1

C Corporations: Rating

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	0	4	1	1	0	3.3

C Corporations: Time Spent

	<u># Responses</u>
OK	7
Too Little	1
Too Much	1

If you rated topics low, indicate any that were not relevant to your needs:

C Corporations

If you rated topics low, please indicate any that were too elementary:

Individual Taxation

If you rated topics low, please indicate any that were too advanced:

Topical Evaluation

Observations about the course:

N/A

It is laid out as a 3 day course and I feel this is good. A lot of information to digest in a couple of days due to the multiple types of returns being covered and any shorter of time would be cramming.

I thought the material was good, it just needed to be presented in a different way to help keep things interesting for the full day. Eight hours is a long time to sit and listen and we needed to do a little more hands on activities. There were points in the day where I felt like I might as well take the materials and go read it myself. I think that we should have cancelled it because there were not enough people signed up. If there is typically a 20 person minimum in order to have a teacher who has done this before, we should have waited until we could have had a teacher with more experience. Our teacher was very knowledgeable, she just didn't have the experience teaching.

I think Partnership/S Corp/C Corp should be combined as one course

I enjoyed the classes and the instructor

Once again, the materials will be a very helpful resource in the future to refer back too. However, I would have liked a teacher with a more diverse work background.

I would think more time on individuals and partnerships should be made.

Please suggest any additional topics that would be relevant to someone at this state of their career:

990 preparation possibly

None

I thought that the subjects covered were good. I have had one year of experience and it was a good review of the tax returns that I have prepared at work. I also learned about some tax updates for 2011 that I thought were helpful.

Trust and Estate returns

Theory vs. practice is very different

I think the topics covered were the main things used in most public accounting firms by people at this state of their career.

Since I am still in school, I do not have any suggestions because I have not experienced anything on the job yet.

Evaluation of Facility

Meeting Room

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
1	5	2	1	0	0	3.7

Sleeping Room

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
5	3	1	0	0	0	4.4

Group Meals

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
1	4	2	1	1	0	3.3

Refreshment Breaks

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
1	4	2	0	1	1	3.1

Suggest ways to improve the administration of the program:

None

None.

There was a sense that things were not very organized. I felt like because we were a small group, the same thoughtful planning was not put into it like it would have been with a larger group.

N/A

I think a choice of entrees for meals with set was a little restricting

The group meals were not very good. Also, there should be more and better snack options during the day. I think it would keep people more energized and ready to learn. The temperature of the meeting room was always either too cold or too hot. Also, I think the hotel should have a more central location, like downtown.

Just a better location, it seems like its the same type of place every traingin. Always way to hard to get to anywhere after the training is over.

I would suggest providing a vegetarian option for the meals.

Tuesday Night

Exchange of Ideas and Information

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	5	1	0	0	0	4.2

Able to connect/meet/network with AGN members

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
4	3	2	0	0	0	4.2

Overall program satisfaction

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	3	2	1	0	0	3.9

Was this session beneficial to you?

	<u># Responses</u>
Yes	9

General comments:

Very good time to meet everyone

It is nice to mingle to meet new people.

I really liked that we were able to meet the group before class started. This gave us a relaxed environment to learn about other AGN members and get to know them so that we already had connections before class started.

I thought this networking night was a great idea. Getting to know each other before the actual classes is definitely a good way to start the seminar.

Everyone was very friendly and it was easy to network with them.

I liked the atmosphere and getting to know the people ahead of time. I think it was a great opportunity to meet them and connect before training started.

Wednesday Night

Quality of food/service:

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
3	3	2	1	0	0	3.9

Facility

5	4	3	2	1	0	Avg
2	5	2	0	0	0	4.0

Comments:

Very good

Socializing with other participants was nice.

The food was pretty good. Im not a picky eaters so it was fine for me. I did not love the samon dish. I think it would have been better if we could have ordered what we wanted instead of getting a few dishes to share.

I thought the restaurant was too close to the hotel. If the location was somewhere near downtown, it would be much nicer.

I think we should be able to choose our own meal.

I would suggest a vegetarian option for this, as well.