

2017 Pattern

**Fifth Year B.A.LL.B. Semester – IX
Fifth Year B.B.A.LL.B. Semester –I X
Third Year LL.B. Semester – V**

**PRINCIPLES OF TAXATION LAWS (LO 0906)
(As Amended in June 2026)**

Theory Examination: 80 Marks

Internal: 20 Marks

Course Objectives:

- 1) To introduce students to the constitutional and legal framework of taxation in India.
- 2) To provide conceptual understanding of direct and indirect taxation.
- 3) To acquaint students with the principles and operation of the Income-tax Act, 2025 and GST laws.
- 4) To familiarize students with the GST regime governing supply of goods and services.
- 5) To develop practical understanding of tax administration, assessment and appellate mechanisms.
- 6) To equip students with the ability to analyse contemporary tax disputes and compliance issues.

Learning Outcomes

Students shall be able to:

- Explain the constitutional basis of taxation.
- Interpret important provisions of the Income-tax Act, 2025 and GST laws.
- Compute taxable income at an introductory level.
- Understand GST compliance and input tax credit mechanisms.
- Explain powers of tax authorities and assessment procedures.
- Understand appellate remedies, penalties and prosecution under tax laws.

Detailed Syllabus

Module

Description

**Module
01**

FOUNDATIONS OF TAXATION LAW AND BASIC CONCEPTS

A. Constitutional and Conceptual Framework

- Historical evolution of taxation in India.
- Objective and types of taxes - Direct and indirect taxes.
- Constitutional provisions relating to taxation (Article 265 and Article 246)
- Structure of Indian tax administration.
- Overview of Tax Statutes-Scheme of Income-tax Act, 2025, Scheme of CGST Act, 2017 and IGST Act, 2017.

B. Basic Concepts under Income-tax Act, 2025

- Short title and commencement
- Definitions: Income, Person, Assessee, Agricultural Income, Capital Asset Dividend, Assessment, Tax Year, concept of advance tax and TDS
- Charge of Income-tax, Scope of Total Income, Overview of tax rates
- Residential Status and Incidence of Tax
- Income deemed to accrue or arise in India.
- Incomes not forming part of Total Income.

Module 02	COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME 1. Heads of Income ➤ Income from Salaries ➤ Income from House Property ➤ Profits and Gains of Business or Profession ➤ Capital Gains ➤ Income from Other Sources 2. Clubbing of Income 3. Set-off and Carry Forward of Losses 4. Deductions from Gross Total Income 5. Computation of Total Income and Tax Liability ➤ Introductory Problems and Illustrations.
Module 03	CORPORATE TAXATION, INTERNATIONAL TAXATION AND ANTI-AVOIDANCE MEASURES 1. Corporate Taxation ➤ Corporate tax regimes. ➤ Overview of tax rates applicable to companies. ➤ Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) and Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT). 2. International Taxation ➤ Concept of Double Taxation. ➤ Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA). ➤ Permanent Establishment. ➤ Overview of Transfer Pricing Provisions. 3. Anti-Avoidance Framework ➤ Tax Planning, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion. ➤ McDowell principle and Azadi Bachao doctrine. ➤ General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR). ➤ Undisclosed income and unexplained transactions. ➤ Restrictions relating to cash transactions. Relevant Provisions: Sections relating to Special Rates and Anti-abuse Measures under the Income-tax Act, 2025
Module 04	TAX ADMINISTRATION, ASSESSMENT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNDER INCOME-TAX LAW 1. Income-tax Authorities ➤ Constitution. ➤ Powers and Functions. 2. Filing of Returns ➤ Return of Income. ➤ Compliance obligations. 3. Assessment Procedures ➤ Self-assessment. ➤ Summary Assessment. ➤ Scrutiny Assessment. ➤ Reassessment. ➤ Faceless Assessment. 4. Survey, Search and Seizure

	5. Appeals and Revision ➤ Commissioner (Appeals). ➤ Appellate Tribunal. ➤ High Court. ➤ Supreme Court. 6. Penalties and Prosecution ➤ Penalties ➤ Offences and Prosecution
Module 05	GST FRAMEWORK: LEVY, INPUT TAX CREDIT AND COMPLIANCE 1. Introduction to GST ➤ Objectives of GST ➤ GST Council ➤ CGST, SGST, UTGST and IGST 2. Important Definitions 3. Supply under GST ➤ Scope of Supply ➤ Composite Supply and Mixed Supply 4. Levy and Collection of Tax 5. Composition Levy 6. Exemptions 7. Time and Value of Supply ➤ Time of Supply of Goods ➤ Time of Supply of Services ➤ Value of Taxable Supply 8. Input Tax Credit ➤ Eligibility and Conditions ➤ Blocked Credit ➤ Special Circumstances 9. Registration 10. Returns 11. Payment of Tax 12. Refunds
Module 06	GST ADMINISTRATION, ASSESSMENT AND LITIGATION 1. Assessment and audit procedures ➤ Self-assessment. ➤ Provisional Assessment. ➤ Scrutiny Assessment ➤ Assessment of Non-filers. ➤ Best Judgment Assessment. ➤ Summary Assessment. 2. Inspection, Search and Seizure 3. Demand and Recovery 4. Advance Ruling 5. Appeals and Revision ➤ Appellate Authority. ➤ GST Appellate Tribunal. ➤ High Court. ➤ Supreme Court.

	6. Penalties and Prosecution ➤ Penalties. ➤ Detention and Confiscation. ➤ Offences. ➤ Compounding.
Additional Readings: Income Tax 1) The Income-tax Act, 2025 (as amended by Finance Act, 2026). 2) Dr. Girish Ahuja & Dr. Ravi Gupta, <i>Concise Commentary on Income Tax and International Taxation</i>. 3) Dr. V.K. Singhania & Dr. Kapil Singhania, <i>Direct Tax Law and Practice</i>. 4) Kanga & Palkhivala, <i>The Law and Practice of Income Tax</i>. 5) Sampath Iyengar, <i>Law of Income Tax</i>. 6) Income-Tax Act, 2025: Definitive Guide by Mayank Mohanka (Taxesutra) Additional Readings: GST 1) Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. 2) V.S. Datey, <i>GST Ready Reckoner</i>. 3) GST Manual with Landmark Rulings (Taxmann).	
Landmark Cases for Study: Income Tax- ➤ CIT v. B.C. Srinivasa Setty ➤ McDowell & Co. Ltd. v. CTO ➤ Union of India v. Azadi Bachao Andolan ➤ Vodafone International Holdings BV v. Union of India ➤ Engineering Analysis Centre of Excellence Pvt. Ltd. v. CIT GST ➤ Union of India v. Mohit Minerals Pvt. Ltd. ➤ Union of India v. VKC Footsteps India Pvt. Ltd. ➤ Bharti Airtel Ltd. v. Union of India	