Financial and Tax Law I

Assignment Guidelines:

This task evaluates fundamental knowledge of the German tax system, fiscal legal relationships, and compliance obligations within public finance and enterprise management. Students are expected to analyse material and procedural tax obligations, perform quantitative tax calculations using official documentation/spreadsheets, and interpret legal-fiscal outcomes to ensure responsible business leadership and compliance in Germany.

Submission Format:

- Type: Practical Analytical Report (Tax Case Analysis & Compliance Project)
- Font/Spacing: Times New Roman, Size 12, Double Spaced
- Word Count: 1500 – 2500 words (excluding legal references, tax computation tables, and spreadsheet appendices)
- Submission Deadline: To be announced by the respective professor

Assessment Criteria:

- Application of German tax laws, definitions, and legal-tax relationship concepts – 20%
- Accuracy of tax computations, formal problem-solving, and spreadsheet modelling – 25%
- Critical interpretation of administrative tax procedures and compliance requirements – 20%
- Strategic tax planning, risk evaluation, and managerial decision insights – 25%
- Structure, technical reporting clarity, legal presentation, and APA referencing – 10%

Mandatory Sections:

- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Statutory & Theoretical Framework
- Tax Calculations & Legal Case Analysis
- Managerial & Operational Implications
- Conclusion & Recommendations
- References
- Appendices (Spreadsheet Computations & Official Tax Forms)

Assignment Task – Choose ONE of the following practical projects:

Option 1: Corporate Income Tax and Business Income Allocation

Evaluate the legal-tax framework and computational mechanics of corporate income taxation for German enterprise structures. Your paper should:

- Analyse the legal difference in terms of the determination of the tax bases of the individual income tax (ESt) and the corporate income tax.

- Carry out numerical calculations in a spreadsheet calculating corporate tax, trade tax additions/deductions and the solidarity surcharge for a sample company.
- Review examples of German M&A restructurings area statutory compliance vis-à-vis legal tax optimisation.
- Design a strategic corporate tax compliance and filing plan for corporate executives.

Option 2: Value-Added Tax Compliance, Input Tax Deductions, and Cross-Border Operations

Investigate the administrative and material obligations of Value-Added Tax within commercial transactions and supply chains. Your paper should:

- Detail the statutory mechanics of German VAT, including taxable events, applicable tax rates, and input tax deduction rules.
- Calculate net VAT liability/refund scenarios using tax spreadsheets across domestic and intra-EU B2B/B2C service transactions.
- Analyse real-world corporate compliance cases involving VAT auditing errors, invoice documentation failures, and administrative penalties.
- Propose an integrated internal control framework for tax invoice verification, filing procedures, and VAT liability management.

Option 3: Procedural Tax Law, Assessment Procedures, and Administrative Appeals

Analyse the procedural legal relationship between commercial entities and German fiscal authorities. Your paper should:

- Describe the legal steps involved in tax assessment, collection processes, and compliance deadlines as per the German Fiscal Code.
- Analyse the computational and legal consequences of tax audit adjustments, interest charges, and late filing penalties.
- Explain the administrative appeal procedures and dispute resolution processes with legal case studies.
- Develop a risk management and procedural tax strategy to assist enterprise leadership in preparing for official tax audits and assessments.