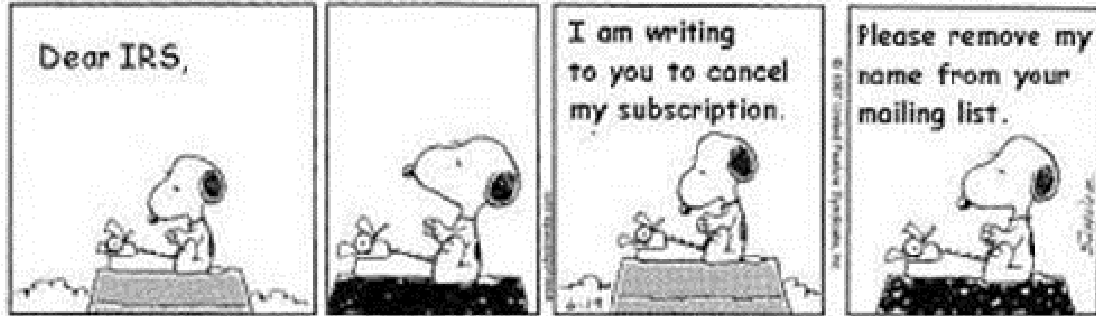


Family and Consumer Studies 3510

Tax Preparation Certification and Community Engagement



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Course Overview

This class is an official community-engaged learning (CEL) course designated by the University. As such, this is a *hybrid course* composed of six in-person classes, followed by eight weeks to complete volunteer hours, with a final in-person class. This class gives students the opportunity of participating in a national program to help individuals and families prepare their income taxes, called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Students will devote the first weeks in the semester to gaining knowledge and the skills necessary for IRS certification. The remainder of the semester will be assigned to putting that certification to work by engaging in tax preparation and directing clients to other resources in the community to assist with financial well-being.

Why take this course?

1. Give service.
2. Build your resume with an IRS certification.
3. Learn about your community and build a personal network.
4. Learn to become an advocate to influence decisions within political, economic and social systems.
5. No final exam!

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