

## CUYAMACA COLLEGE OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

### **BUSINESS 150 – INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX ACCOUNTING**

3 hours lecture, 3 units

#### **Catalog Description**

Introduces students to federal taxation and focuses on tax preparation as applied to the individual taxpayer. Includes an overview of the income tax environment. Topics include filing status, personal and dependency exemption, itemized and standard deductions, and solving specific problems related to the filing of the Federal Form 1040.

#### **Prerequisite**

None

#### **Course Objectives**

Students will be able to:

- 1) Obtain an introduction to federal income tax law and its application to individual income taxes
- 2) Understand the purposes or objectives of federal taxation and relate various taxes, assessments, credits, deductions, etc., to those objectives
- 3) Analyze specific tax problems related to the filing of individual federal income tax returns and calculate their solutions
- 4) Examine tax situations and problems and propose the recommended course of action
- 5) Prepare a sample federal income tax return and demonstrate proficiency in its preparation through the use of case study and demonstration problems

#### **Special Materials Required of Student**

Calculator

#### **Minimum Instructional Facilities**

- 1) Standard classroom with podium, overhead projector, VCR/monitor
- 2) Availability of open computer lab

#### **Course Content**

- 1) Overview of the federal tax environment
- 2) The purposes or objectives of federal taxation
- 3) Filing status, personal and dependency exemptions, and standard vs. itemized deductions
- 4) Inclusions in Gross Income
- 5) Exclusions from Gross Income
- 6) Deductions: certain business deductions and losses
- 7) Deductions: depreciation and amortization
- 8) Deductions: certain itemized deductions
- 9) Introduction to alternative minimum tax
- 10) Property transactions: Capital gain, the determination of gain or loss, nontaxable exchanges
- 11) Tax credits, withholding, deposit procedures, etc.

#### **Method of Instruction**

- 1) Lecture and discussion
- 2) Demonstration
- 3) Preview/review of assignments
- 4) Case problems for group discussion and response

**Method of Evaluation**

A grading system will be established by the instructor and implemented uniformly. Grades will be based on demonstrated proficiency in subject matter determined by multiple measurements for evaluation, one of which must be essay exams, skills demonstration or, where appropriate, the symbol system.

- 1) Quizzes, exams
- 2) Homework assignments, case problems
- 3) Participation

**Texts and References**

- 1) Required: Hoffman, Smith. West's Federal Taxation: Individual Income Taxes. Current edition. West Publishing Company, Inc.
- 2) Supplemental: Hoffman, Smith. West's Federal Taxation: Individual Income Taxes Study Guide. (optional)