# Washtenaw Community College Comprehensive Report

# TAX 101 Income Taxes for Individuals Effective Term: Spring/Summer 2019

#### **Course Cover**

**Division:** Business and Computer Technologies

**Department:** Business

**Discipline:** Tax

Course Number: 101 Org Number: 13120

**Full Course Title:** Income Taxes for Individuals **Transcript Title:** Income Taxes For Individuals

Is Consultation with other department(s) required: No

**Publish in the Following:** College Catalog, Time Schedule, Web Page **Reason for Submission:** Three Year Review / Assessment Report

**Change Information:** 

Consultation with all departments affected by this course is required.

**Outcomes/Assessment** 

Rationale: Three-year syllabus review **Proposed Start Semester:** Winter 2019

Course Description: This is a beginning course in Individual Tax Return preparation covering both Federal and Michigan taxes that affect individuals. Students receive practical experience in preparation of an income tax return, both manually and using tax return computer software. The course is designed for those seeking employment as paraprofessionals in the tax field. Individuals who simply wish to understand their own taxes can benefit as well. Students must be able to work with numbers and computer applications.

## **Course Credit Hours**

Variable hours: No

Credits: 3

**Lecture Hours: Instructor: 45 Student: 45** 

**Lab: Instructor:** 0 **Student:** 0 **Clinical: Instructor:** 0 **Student:** 0

**Total Contact Hours: Instructor: 45 Student: 45** 

Repeatable for Credit: NO Grading Methods: Letter Grades

Audit

Are lectures, labs, or clinicals offered as separate sections?: NO (same sections)

## **College-Level Reading and Writing**

College-level Reading & Writing

# **College-Level Math**

Level 3

## **Requisites**

## **Prerequisite**

Academic Math Level 3 or higher

## **General Education**

# **Request Course Transfer**

**Proposed For:** 

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Determine the correct filing status and identify income and expenses included in Adjusted Gross Income.

#### **Assessment 1**

Assessment Tool: Multiple choice questions from selected unit tests

Assessment Date: Fall 2020

Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years

Course section(s)/other population: All sections Number students to be assessed: All students How the assessment will be scored: Answer key

Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students will score 70% or higher

Who will score and analyze the data: Full-time Business faculty

## **Assessment 2**

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

Assessment Date: Fall 2020

Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years

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Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly

Who will score and analyze the data: Full-time Business faculty

2. Identify the deductions included in arriving at Taxable Income.

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Assessment Cycle: Every Three Years

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#### 3. Identify credits and other items in arriving at the total tax.

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4. Determine the income tax owed or refund to be received when filing a tax return.

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of the transactions/statements correctly

Who will score and analyze the data: Full-time Business faculty

## **Course Objectives**

- 1. Determine the filing status of a taxpayer when filing an income tax return.
- 2. Identify Gross Income inclusions and Gross Income exclusions when arriving at Adjusted Gross Income.
- 3. Identify business income and expenses and capital gains and losses included in arriving at Adjusted Gross Income.
- 4. Identify itemized deductions for medical, interest, taxes and charitable contributions in arriving at Taxable Income.
- 5. Identify itemized deductions for casualty losses and miscellaneous deductions in arriving at Taxable Income.
- 6. Identify the different unrefundable credits when filing an income tax return.
- 7. Identify the refundable credits when filing a tax return.
- 8. Identify when alternative minimum tax must be considered when filing a tax return.
- 9. Determine the number of personal and dependancy exemptions when filing an income tax return.
- 10. Compute the federal income tax based on the taxable income on the tax return
- 11. Determine the total tax

## 12. Determine the income tax owed or refund to be received when filing a tax return

# **New Resources for Course**

# **Course Textbooks/Resources**

**Textbooks** 

Whittenburg-Altus-Buller. *Income Tax Fundamentals with Cengage Now and Inutit Tax Software*, 2019 ed. Cengage, 2019, ISBN: 9781337813686.

Manuals

Periodicals

Software

Intuit Proconnect Tax Software. Intuit, 2018 ed.

# **Equipment/Facilities**

Level III classroom Testing Center Computer workstations/lab Data projector/computer

Reviewer	Action	<b>Date</b>
Faculty Preparer:		
Mark Johnston	Faculty Preparer	Oct 11, 2018
Department Chair/Area Director:		
Douglas Waters	Recommend Approval	Oct 12, 2018
Dean:		
Eva Samulski	Recommend Approval	Nov 01, 2018
Curriculum Committee Chair:		
Lisa Veasey	Recommend Approval	Nov 26, 2018
<b>Assessment Committee Chair:</b>		
Shawn Deron	Recommend Approval	Nov 28, 2018
Vice President for Instruction:		
Kimberly Hurns	Approve	Dec 04, 2018