

York Technical College

Course Syllabus Course

Information

Course Prefix/Number:	ACC 120
Course Title:	Federal Income Tax
Lecture Hours/Week:	3.0
Lab Hours/Week:	0.0
Credit Hours/Semester:	3.0

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Course Description:

This course is a study of the income tax structure from the standpoint of the individual, partnership, and corporation.

Course Competencies:

Module 1 – Accounting Periods, Methods, and Depreciation/Capital Gains & Losses

- Demonstrate a general understanding of the different accounting periods and methods allowed for tax purposes.
- Understand the concept of depreciation and be able to calculate depreciation expense using MACRS tables.
- Know when an election to expense the cost of property may be used.
- Explain the limitations placed on depreciation for “listed property” and “luxury automobiles.”
- Be able to determine whether parties are related for tax purposes and understand the tax treatment of certain related party transactions.
- Define the term “capital asset.”
- Know the holding periods and tax rates applied to sales of short-term and long-term assets.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of several provisions allowing deferral or no recognition of gain or loss on the disposition of an asset; like-kind exchanges, involuntary conversions, and sales of personal residences.
- Be able to calculate income from installment sales.
- Understand what depreciation recapture is and how it is calculated in some simple instances.
- Explain how casualty losses are treated for both personal and business purposes.

Module 2 – Withholding, Estimated Payments, and Payroll Taxes

- Be able to complete Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.
- Know how to calculate income tax and FICA tax withholding from employee wages.
- Know how to calculate self-employment tax for self-employed taxpayers.
- Be able to complete Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the special tax and reporting requirements for household employees.

Module 3 - Partnership Taxation

- Know the definition of a partnership for tax purposes.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic tax rules for partnership formation and operation.
- Be able to complete simple partnership tax returns.
- Be aware of the special treatment given to transactions between partners and the partnership.
- List advantages and disadvantages to limited liability companies (LLC's).

Module 4 – The Corporate Income Tax/Tax Administration

- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic tax rules for the formation and operation of a corporation.
- Explain how an S Corporation is taxed and the requirements for operating as an S Corporation.
- Be able to prepare a simple Form 1120-A, U. S. Corporation Short-Form Income Tax Return.
- Be able to prepare a simple Form 1120-S, U. S Income Tax Return for an S Corporation.
- Understand the operation of two special corporate taxes, the accumulated earnings tax, and the personal holding company tax.
- Be familiar with the organizational structure of the Internal Revenue Service.
- Demonstrate a general understanding of the IRS audit process.
- Know the general rule for the statute of limitations on tax returns and several important exceptions to the general rule.
- Be familiar with the process of filing tax returns electronically.

Entry-Level Skills:

A student entering this course should have an appropriate entrance score for his/her certificate or degree program.

Prerequisites:

None

Co-requisites:

None

Course Requirements:

All students are responsible for attaining competencies through completion of the following course requirements:

- Reading assigned chapters
- Solve chapter exercises and problems
- Complete chapter tests

Attendance Policy:

The student is expected to follow the York Technical College attendance policy requiring that the student be in attendance no less than 80% of the scheduled hours during the semester.

Academic Integrity:

The policies stated in the York Technical College Handbook will be enforced. Any student violating this policy will be subject to academic discipline.

Test Policy:

The course will consist of four chapter tests. The chapter tests will cover Chapters 7 through 12. The test may consist of objective questions, problems, and other formats deemed appropriate for the particular material. All tests should be taken in class on the day assigned.

Grading Procedures:

Each of the four chapter tests will count 25% of the final grade for the course. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C. Students withdrawing from the course before midterm will be assigned a grade of “W”; THOSE WITHDRAWING AFTER MIDTERM WILL BE ASSIGNED A GRADE OF “F”.

The grading scale is as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

Final Grade:

Module 1 Assessment	Chapters 7 & 8
Module 2 Assessment	Chapter 9
Module 3 Assessment	Chapter 10
Module 4 Assessment	Chapters 11 & 12

Course Outline:

Chapter 7 Accounting Periods and Methods and Depreciation

Chapter 8 Capital Gains and Losses

Chapter 9 Withholding, Estimated Payments, and Payroll Taxes

Chapter 10 Partnership Taxation
Chapter 11 The Corporate Income Tax
Chapter 12 Tax Administration and Tax Planning

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TEST 1 Module 1
TEST 2 Module 2
TEST 3 Module 3
TEST 4 Module 4
Final Average

Effective:SU2005