

Income Tax

Accounting 4220-001 – Spring, 2020

Office Hours:

11:20-12:00 TTh. Main Campus

Tues. 4:45 Center City or by appointment

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Email: hgodfrey@uncc.edu**Required Text: Essentials Federal Taxation, by Spilker, et. al. 11th Edition (2020 Edition)****Course Objectives:** The objective of this course is for students to:

1. Obtain a basic understanding of federal, state and international tax law, including legal, ethical and social issues relating to taxation.
2. Examine basic legal and regulatory concepts and procedures of taxation that apply to business and investment decisions.
3. Learn to perform basic tax compliance and research using on-line tools.

ACCT 4220. Income Tax. (3) Prerequisite: ACCT 3311 with a grade of C or better. An introduction to the Federal income tax system with emphasis on concepts and procedures applicable to all types of entities. Enrollment limited to Accounting majors. (Fall) (Spring)

Grade Determination	
Exam 1	50
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
Final (includes cumulative)	150
Class Quizzes	50
Connect Homework	50
Total Possible points for tests	500

Tests are “open book” with limited amount of notes.

When taking a test, a student may use the textbook (hard copy or ebook version with laptop).

A cell phone should not be used on a test. A cell phone should not be on the desk and should not be visible during a test.

Final grades are calculated based on an 8-point scale.

A	92%+	B	84%+	C	76%+	D	68%+	F	Below 68%
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This grading scale is based on the assumption that the student’s class behavior is professional. Instructor may reduce the final grade in the unlikely event that a student has not exhibited professional behavior.

Teaching/Learning Methods:

The classes will consist of lecture, discussion of solutions to homework assignments, in-class case analysis, hands-on computer tax research, preparation of tax returns and possibly guest speakers.

Attendance / Homework, etc....

Class Attendance and Professional Behavior. Class attendance and professional behavior are mandatory.

A student is allowed to miss 5 classes without penalty. Generally, the grade for the semester will be adjusted downward by 2 points for each absence in excess of 5 during the semester. Coming to class late, leaving class early or other unprofessional behavior will be treated as an absence. It is the student's responsibility to request an excuse by email from the Instructor (for absences caused by factors beyond the control of the student), whether the instructor reminds the student or not. The instructor will reply acknowledging receipt of an excuse request and indicating whether the absence is excused or not excused. The purpose of this set of requirements is to create a positive learning environment so that all students can get maximum benefit from the course.

Homework. A set of homework problems is provided on the Connect homework system.

Students should prepare solutions to the assigned homework and submit the solutions through the Connect system, by the due date.

Individual Projects:

Students will complete one individual and one corporation income tax return. Specific details will be provided. Tax forms can be downloaded from the IRS website. The student's understanding of the process of preparing the return will be tested with a series of questions on two tests.

Examinations: Three semester exams and a final exam are scheduled during the semester. Failure to take an exam without prior permission or subsequent approval from the instructor will result in an exam grade of zero. The final exam will consist of two mandatory parts: material in chapters covered since most recent exam (part 1) and material on earlier tests (part 2)). The cumulative portion of the final will be double counted for any student who received prior permission or approval for missing an exam. Students should arrive for each test on time. When a student arrives late and goes to his or her seat after the test has begun, the other students are distracted from their main objective, which is being successful on the test.

Class Expectations:

- 1. A student should attend class regularly.**
- 2. A student should arrive on time for class and should not leave class early.**
- 3. A student should bring the textbook and other relevant materials to each class.**
- 4. A student should turn off (and put away) cell phone, pager, IPOD and other electronic devices during class (except for device used to access the electronic version of textbook).**
- 5. A student should not bring food to class. Eating is not permitted in class.**
- 6. A student should not work on assignments for other courses while in this class.**
- 7. A student should listen attentively to the lecture by the instructor, and questions or discussion of other class members.**
- 8. A student should participate in the analysis and discussion of cases and problems.**
- 9. A student should behave at all times in a professional manner and avoid talking or other actions that are disruptive for the class.**

The policies above help create a positive learning environment in which every student can get good value for his or her investment of time and tuition dollars. Compliance with these policies is a requirement in order to be a member of this class. Exceptions may be made for exceptional circumstances.

Website

IRS Website: www.irs.gov

IRS website provides many valuable resources, including access to federal and state tax forms.

Access to tax law:

Cornell Law School:

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text>

Honor Code:

Examinations, tax returns, projects and the research paper must represent your own work. Do not fail to cite sources of material which you have quoted or substantially paraphrased. Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of The UNCC Code of Student Academic Integrity.

THE UNC CHARLOTTE CODE OF STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY governs the responsibility of students to maintain integrity in academic work, defines violations of the standards, describes procedures for handling alleged violations of the standards, and lists applicable penalties. The following conduct is prohibited in that *Code* as violating those standards:

A. Cheating. Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices in any academic exercise. This definition includes unauthorized communication of information during an academic exercise.

B. Fabrication and Falsification. Intentional and unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification is a matter of altering information, while fabrication is a matter of inventing or counterfeiting information for use in any academic exercise.

C. Multiple Submission. The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work (including oral reports) for credit more than once without authorization.

D. Plagiarism. Intentionally or knowingly presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source). The sole exception to the requirement of acknowledging sources is when the ideas, information, etc. are common knowledge.

E. Abuse of Academic Materials. Intentionally or knowingly destroying, stealing or making inaccessible library or other academic resource material.

F. Complicity in Academic Dishonesty. Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

Students who violate the code may be expelled from UNC Charlotte. The normal penalty for the first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases the course grade is reduced to F. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

Diversity:

The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office in Fretwell 230.

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Mo.	Date	Day	Clas	Chp	Pages	Topics	Assignments **
1	9	Thur	1	1		Introduction: Types of taxes, tax rates, etc.	34, 35 36, 37
1	14	Tue	2	1	1-23	Review of Accounting for Income Tax	43, 44, 45, 51
1	15					Last day to add or drop a class	
1	16	Thur	3	2	1-8	Tax filing requirements, IRS audits, etc.	44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 62
1	21	Tue	4	2	8-28	Authority-Understand law, Research, Penalties	
1	23	Thur	5	2	8-28	Authority-Understand law, Research, Penalties	
1	28	Tue	6	3	1-21	Tax Planning-Income timing, income shifting	40, 41, 52, 58, 59
1	30	Thur	7	3	1-21	Tax Planning-Income conversion & limits	
Remaining homework accepted only if submitted on time							
2	4	Tue	8	4	1-10	Overview, Tax Formula	28, 36, 44, 46
2	6	Thur	9	4	10-24	Dependents, Filing Status, Determine Status	
2	11	Tue	10			Test No. 1, Chapters 1-3	
2	13	Thur	11	5	1-28	Income: Service, investment, entity, alimony, SS	51,56,59,61, 64, 68
2	18	Tue	12	5	28-42	Exclude: Home sale, gift, injury, 401(k), etc.	73,80,81,83
2	20	Thur	13	6	1-23	Ded. for AGI:Exp., Losses, vacation homes ,etc.	35,36,37,39,44,48
2	25	Tue	14	6	23-35	Deduct for AGI: IRA, moving, ins. ed. loans, etc.	52,53,55,57,60,64
2	27	Thur	15	7	1-12	From AGI: Medical, Tax, Interest, Charity	20,21,22,26,30,35,37
2	28					Submit Unsatisfactory Grades	
Spring Break - No Class-March 2-7							
3	10	Tue	16	7	12-22	From AGI: Casualty, Misc. Ded., Stand-Deduct., QBI	
3	12	Thur	17	8	1-23	Compute Tax, Cap-gain, AMT, Self-Employ. Tax	47, 49, 50, 55, 58, 59
3	17	Tue	18	8	23-39	Credits: Child, Child Care, Ed., FTC, Penalties	60, 61, 68, 70, 71, 82
3	19	Thur	19			Test No. 2, Chapters 4-7	
3	24	Tue	20	9	1-13	Bus. exp., employee exp.,bus-int, casualty loss.	45, 48, 49, 52, 56, 59
3	26	Thur	21	9	13-31	Account. Years, Method, Accrue. Defer, Adopt.	61, 73, 76, 77
3	31	Tue	22	10	10-16	Property: Basis, Depreciation: Equip. & Bldg	41, 42, 48, 51, 67,
4	2	Thur	23	10	17-41	Prop.: Sec. 179, autos, intangibles, depletion	72, 74, 75
4	7	Tue	24	11	1-19	Dispose: Basis, Cap-gain, Recapture, Look-back	32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40
4	9	Thur	25			Test No. 3, Chapters 8-10	
4	14	Tue	26	11	20-35	Property: Like-kind-exchange, Invol. Conv., Inst. Sale	44,46,48,49,50,51,56,60
4	16	Thur		12	1-23	Entities, double tax, dividends, losses, conversion	44, 48, 53, 59
4	21	Tue	27	13	1-22	Form Corp: Sec 351, stock option, NOL, Charity	41, 43, 57, 58, 62,
4	23	Thur	28	13	23-33	Operate Corp: DRD, Tax/GAAP, returns, AMT	69, 72, 73
4	28	Tue	29			Last Class. Review, etc.	

** Assignments are "Connect Homework." See Syllabus for details. Note: This plan is subject to change
Detailed list of Connect homework assignments is provided on remaining pages of this document.