

# **CURRICULUM GUIDELINES**

A:	Division:	Instruction	Date:	June 2000			
В:	Department/ Program Area:	Commerce & Business Admin. Accounting Management	New Course	Revision X			
			If Revision, Section(s	s) Revised: F, H, N, P, Q, R			
			Date Last Revised:	August 1995			
C:	ACCT 35	50 D:	Income Tax	E: 3			
	Subject & Cou	rse No.	Descriptive Title	Semester Credits			
F:	Calendar Description: This course introduces the student to Canadian income tax concepts for both individuals and corporations. Topics include: the structure of the Income Tax Act, computation of income by source, deductions, net income, taxable income, and taxes payable. Students will be required to use a recognized income tax software program to prepare selected assignments. This is a very heavy course. Students are strongly advised to take ACCT 310 either concurrently or as a prerequisite.						
G:	G: Allocation of Contact Hours to Types of Instruction/Learning Settings  Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings:  Lectures  Number of Contact Hours: (per week / semester for each descriptor)  Lecture: 4 Hrs.  Total: 4 Hrs.  Number of Weeks per Semester:  15 Weeks X 4 Hrs per week = 60 Hrs.		H: Course Prerequisites: (ACCT 210 or ACCT 235 with minimum grade B-) and CISY 110 and (CMNS 105 or CMNS 111 or CMNS 115 or [completion of Douglas College Writing Assessment Test and have qualified to enroll in CMNS 111 or higher]). Strongly recommend ACCT 310.				
			L Course Corequisites:				
			nil				
			J. Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite:				
			nil				
			<ul><li>K. Maximum Class Size:</li><li>35</li></ul>				
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L:	PLEASE INDICATE:						
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### M: Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, the successful student should be able to:

- 1. demonstrate the use of the Canadian Income Tax Act to solve various tax issues:
- 2. prepare personal income tax returns and schedules with varying degrees of complexity;
- 3. prepare corporate income tax returns and schedules;
- 4. demonstrate the effective use of income tax software;
- 5. demonstrate knowledge of special topics pertaining to both individual and corporate taxation.

#### N: Course Content

## 1. Overview of Income Tax Act:

- 1.1 History and structure of Income Tax Act
- 1.2 Taxable vs non-taxable income
- 1.3 Liability for tax
- 1.4 Income sourcing; income aggregating
- 1.5 Total income vs net income vs taxable income

## 2. Preparation of Personal Income Tax Returns:

- 2.1 Income from employment or office:
  - 2.1.1 Wages, salaries, commissions, tips, etc.
  - 2.1.2 Taxable and non-taxable benefits
  - 2.1.3 Source deductions
  - 2.1.4 Available deductions and limitations
- 2.2 Business (self-employed) income:
  - 2.2.1 Professional, business, commissions, etc.
  - 2.2.2 Available deductions and limitations
  - 2.2.3 Reconciliation of accounting income to income for tax purposes
- 2.3 Capital cost allowance, eligible capital property:
  - 2.3.1 Comparison to accounting amortization expense
  - 2.3.2 Asset classes and rates
  - 2.3.3 Rules for computations, including half-year rule
  - 2.3.4 Recapture, terminal loss
- 2.4 Income from property, other income:
  - 2.4.1 Rental income/expenses
  - 2.4.2 Interest, taxable dividends
  - 2.4.3 E.I., WCB, social assistance
  - 2.4.4 Pensions, RRSPs, other deferred income
- 2.5 Capital gains and losses:
  - 2.5.1 Capital gains/losses vs income gains/losses
  - 2.5.2 Adjusted cost base.
  - 2.5.3 Eligible capital property

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- 2.5.4 Personal use property, listed personal property
- 2.5.5 Deemed dispositions
- 2.5.6 Principal residence rules
- 2.5.7 Exemption for family farms, small business shares
- 2.6 Computation of taxable income:
  - 2.6.1 Deductions from total income (e.g. moving, child care and RRSPs)
  - 2.6.2 Deductions from net income, including losses of other years
- 2.7 Computation of taxes payable:
  - 2.7.1 Non-refundable tax credits
  - 2.7.2 Federal and Provincial taxes payable
  - 2.7.3 Dividend tax credit and other available credits
  - 2.7.4 Federal and Provincial surtaxes, Provincial tax credits
- 2.8 Special cases and topics:
  - 2.8.1 Tax planning, avoidance, evasion
  - 2.8.2 Residency
  - 2.8.3 Home Ownership Plan, Lifelong Learning Plan
  - 2.8.4 Goods and Services Tax
  - 2.8.5 Administration, assessment, enforcement of Income Tax Act
  - 2.8.6 Allowable Business Investment Losses (ABIL)
- 3. <u>Preparation of Corporate Tax Returns</u>:
  - 3.1 Calculation of taxable income for corporations:
    - 3.1.1 Active vs non-active business income
    - 3.1.2 Investment income, dividend income (comparison to individuals)
    - 3.1.3 T2 return and schedules required
  - 3.2 Calculation of taxes payable:
    - 3.2.1 Small business deduction
    - 3.2.2 Federal tax abatement
    - 3.2.3 Other credits, surtaxes
    - 3.2.4 Part I and Part IV taxes payable
    - 3.2.5 Refundable Dividend Tax on Hand (RDTOH); dividend refund
- 4. Use of Income Tax Software:
  - 4.1 Demonstration of income tax program
  - 4.2 Preparation of personal income tax returns and schedules using the income tax software
  - 4.3 Preparation of a corporate income tax return and schedules using the income tax software
- 5. Special Topics in Taxation:
  - 5.1 Taxation as a continually evolving system
  - 5.2 Interpretation of existing and new tax legislation
  - 5.3 Integration of corporate and personal taxes
  - 5.4 Taxable vs tax-free (capital) dividends

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Lecture, demonstration and discussion. Students will be required to do selected assignments on a computer (outside of class).

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students:

Byrd, Clarence, Ida Chen and Mavis Jacob. Canadian Tax Principles, Latest Edition, Pearson Educational.

Any one of the following calculators:

- 1. Texas Instruments BA II Plus
- 2. Sharp EL 733A
- 3. Hewlett-Packard 10B

CCH. Income Tax Act, Latest Edition. CCH Publishing.

Income tax program User Guides (documentation).

Instructor-compiled material, as applicable.

Q: Means of Assessment

Group Project 05%
Computer assignments, using tax software 08%
Other assignments and/or quizzes 12%
Midterm Examinations (2) \*\* 40%
Final Examination-Comprehensive\*\* 35%
100%

- \*\* STUDENTS MUST WRITE BOTH THE MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS AND THE FINAL EXAMINATION TO OBTAIN CREDIT FOR THE COURSE.
- **R:** Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR

This course is not open to PLAR.

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