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# **CURRICULUM GUIDELINES**

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В.	Department / Program Area	Commerce & Business Admin. Accounting Management	New Course	Revision	X
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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 EI, WCB, social assistance
  - 2.4.4 Pensions, RRSPs, other deferred income
- 2.5 Capital gains and losses:
  - 2.5.1 <u>Capital gains/losses vs. income gains/losses</u>
  - 2.5.2 Adjusted cost base.
  - 2.5.3 Eligible capital property
  - 2.5.4 Personal use property, listed personal property
  - 2.5.5 Deemed dispositions
  - 2.5.6 Principal residence rules
  - 2.5.7 ExempBDCBT/TT3 1 Tf0.0008.9 0 0 10.9 144.89 15756.4808 Tm(m)Tj0j1-4801008.3.99

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- 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. Preparation of Corporate Tax Returns:

- 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

### O: Methods of Instruction

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

Clarence Byrd and Ida Chen. <u>Canadian Tax Principles</u>, latest edition, Pearson Education Canada. Income Tax Act, latest edition.

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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	<u>35%</u>			
	-	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				
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