Washtenaw Community College Comprehensive Report

TAX 101 Income Taxes for Individuals Effective Term: Winter 2025

Course Cover

College: Business and Computer Technologies **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: Change Information:

Consultation with all departments affected by this course is required.

Rationale: Changes to Math Developmental Education. Removed outcome 4 and made changes to objectives based on current tax law (the material I removed/changed is no longer in the tax code).

Proposed Start Semester: Winter 2025

Course Description: In this course, students will 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. This is a beginning course in Individual Tax Return preparation covering both Federal and Michigan taxes that affect individuals.

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

Prerequisite

MTH 125 minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

or

Prerequisite

MTH 125X minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

or

Prerequisite

MTH 160 minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

or

Prerequisite

MTH 160X minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

or

Prerequisite

ACC 111 minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

General Education

Request Course Transfer

Proposed For:

Eastern Michigan University

Ferris State University

Oakland University

Wayne State University

Western Michigan University

Central Michigan University

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Outcome-related test questions

Assessment Date: Fall 2024

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: Departmental faculty

Assessment 2

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

Assessment Date: Fall 2024

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 the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly.

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental faculty

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

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Outcome-related test questions

Assessment Date: Fall 2024

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: Departmental faculty

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

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Outcome-related test questions

Assessment Date: Fall 2024

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: Departmental faculty

Assessment 2

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

Assessment Date: Fall 2024

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 the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly.

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental faculty

Course Objectives

- 1. Determine the appropriate filing status and dependents of a taxpayer.
- 2. Identify gross income items that are included and excluded when calculating Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).
- 3. Identify business income and expenses and identify the appropriate form to use for those income and expense items.
- 4. Understand tax compliance regulations and tax authorities.
- 5. Distinguish between refundable and nonrefundable tax credits.
- 6. Compute federal income tax liability.
- 7. Determine property acquisition and cost recovery techniques.
- 8. Obtain an understanding of investment issues and how to calculate capital gains and losses.
- 9. Understand retirement savings vehicles and the consequences of home ownership.

New Resources for Course

Course Textbooks/Resources

Textbooks

Spilker, Ayers, Barrick, Lewis, Robinson, Weaver, and Worsham. *Taxation of Individuals*, ed. McGraw Hill, 2025, ISBN: 1265352631r18.

Manuals

Periodicals

Software

Equipment/Facilities

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

Reviewer	Action	<u>Date</u>
Faculty Preparer:		
Sheri Geddes	Faculty Preparer	Oct 15, 2024
Department Chair/Area Director:		
Joyce Jenkins	Recommend Approval	Oct 15, 2024
Dean:		
Eva Samulski	Recommend Approval	Oct 15, 2024
Curriculum Committee Chair:		
Randy Van Wagnen	Recommend Approval	Oct 18, 2024
Assessment Committee Chair:		
Jessica Hale	Recommend Approval	Oct 18, 2024
Vice President for Instruction:		
Brandon Tucker	Approve	Oct 19, 2024

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TAX 101 Income Taxes for Individuals Effective Term: Winter 2024

Course Cover

College: Business and Computer Technologies **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: Course Change

Change Information:

Pre-requisite, co-requisite, or enrollment restrictions

Rationale: Students who complete Mth 125, Mth 160 or Mth 176 have the prereq necessary to succeed

in Tax 101.

Proposed Start Semester: Winter 2024

Course Description: In this course, students will 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. This is a beginning course in Individual Tax Return preparation covering both Federal and Michigan taxes that affect individuals.

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

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Prerequisite

MTH 125 minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

or

Prerequisite

MTH 160 minimum grade "C"; may enroll concurrently

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: Outcome-related test questions

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: Departmental faculty

Assessment 2

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

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 the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental faculty

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

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Outcome-related test questions

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: Departmental faculty

Assessment 2

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

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 the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental faculty

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

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Outcome-related test questions

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: Departmental faculty

Assessment 2

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

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 the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental faculty

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

Assessment 1

Assessment Tool: Outcome-related test questions

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: Departmental faculty

Assessment 2

Assessment Tool: Comprehensive Computer Tax Return- Federal and State

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 the students will record/report 70%

of the transactions/statements correctly

Who will score and analyze the data: Departmental 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

Equipment/Facilities

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

Reviewer	Action	Date
Faculty Preparer:		
Mark Johnston	Faculty Preparer	Jul 06, 2023
Department Chair/Area Director:		
Joyce Jenkins	Recommend Approval	Jul 06, 2023
Dean:		
Eva Samulski	Recommend Approval	Jul 07, 2023
Curriculum Committee Chair:		
Randy Van Wagnen	Recommend Approval	Nov 14, 2023
Assessment Committee Chair:		
Jessica Hale	Recommend Approval	Nov 15, 2023
Vice President for Instruction:		
Brandon Tucker	Approve	Nov 17, 2023

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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

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

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

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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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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	Date
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
Assessment Committee Chair:		
Shawn Deron	Recommend Approval	Nov 28, 2018
Vice President for Instruction:		
Kimberly Hurns	Approve	Dec 04, 2018