

**Northern Marianas College**  
**CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST**

**Effective Semester / Session:** Spring 2016

**Type of Action:**

- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

**Course Alpha and Number:** AC 400

**Course Title:** Federal Taxation

**Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:**

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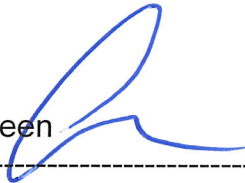
  
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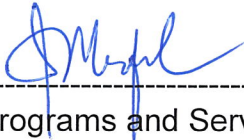


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## 1. Department

Business

## 2. Purpose

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## 3. Description

### A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials

Required:

Pope, R.; Rupert, T.; Anderson, K.; (2014); *Federal Taxation 2015 Comprehensive Plus NEW My Accounting Lab with Pearson eText—Access Card Package; 28<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Prentice Hall.

Readability Level: College Level

### B. Contact Hours

1. **Lecture:** 3 hours per week / 45 hours per semester
2. **Lab:** None
3. **Other:** None

### C. Credits

1. **Number:** 3
2. **Type:** Regular degree credits

### D. Catalogue Course Description

Federal income taxation of businesses and individuals is covered in the course. Gross income, deductions, and tax credits are used in the preparation of sample tax returns. The computation of the taxes due by individual and the corporation is presented in both Federal and CNMI formats. Prerequisite: Must complete 60 credit hours to enter junior level. Course Prerequisite: AC 230 English Placement Level: EN 202. Math Placement Level: MA 161. (Offered Spring).

### E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course

A "C" grade or better in this course satisfies a core course requirement in Northern Marianas College Bachelor of Science in Business Management; Accounting Emphasis.

### F. Course Activities and Design

Course activities include lectures, discussions, homework- assignments, tests, quizzes, case studies, and a final exam.

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**4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment;  
Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**

Prerequisites: Must complete 60 credit hours to maintain junior level.

English Placement Level: EN 202

Math Placement Level: MA 161

**5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed**

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary.

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 3-credit hour course and the cost of the textbook.

Instructional resources needed for this course include overhead projector, TV/VCR, videotaped programs, library books, dry-erase board/markers.

**6. Method of Evaluation**

Student's grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

A: Excellent-grade points:	4.0
B: Above average-grade points:	3.0
C: Average-grade points:	2.0
D: Below average-grade points:	1.0
F: Failure-grade points:	0.0

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

**7. Course Outline**

This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

- 1.0 Introduction to taxation
  - 1.1 Tax research for individuals
  - 1.2 Tax research for corporations
- 2.0 Gross Income
  - 2.1 Inclusions
  - 2.2 Exclusions
- 3.0 Property Transactions
  - 3.1 Capital gains and losses
- 4.0 Itemized Deductions

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- 4.1 Various eligible deductions
- 5.0 Plant Assets and related Depreciation methods
  - 5.1 Amortization methods
  - 5.2 Depreciation methods
- 6.0 Property Transactions
  - 6.1 Section 1231
  - 6.2 Non-taxable exchanges
- 7.0 Corporate Income Tax
  - 7.1 Corporate tax methods
  - 7.2 Corporate distributions
  - 7.3 Corporate acquisitions and reorganizations
- 8.0 S Corporations
  - 8.1 Eligibility rules for S Corporations
- 9.0 Partnership and Estate Taxation
  - 9.1 Basic rules for partnership and estate taxation

## 8. **Instructional Goals**

This course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 Concepts and purpose of taxation for the United States;
- 2.0 Research methods for taxation;
- 3.0 Principles of taxation for individuals;
- 4.0 Gross income, deductions, exemptions, and credits;
- 5.0 Plant Assets and related depreciation methods;
- 6.0 Property transactions- Nontaxable exchanges and Section 1231 property;
- 7.0 Corporation taxation;
- 8.0 S Corporations; and
- 9.0 Partnership and Estate Taxation.

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## 9. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completing of this course, students will be able to:

- 1.0 Prepare an individual tax return;
- 2.0 Present a table of plant assets and their related depreciation method;
- 3.0 Prepare a Schedule D with all related property transactions;
- 4.0 Prepare various tax credit schedules;
- 5.0 Prepare a C-corporation tax return/S corporation return; and
- 6.0 Differentiate the basics of a partnership return and an estate tax return.

## 10. Assessment Measures

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to the following:

- 1.0 Tests and exams;
- 2.0 Practice cases;
- 3.0 Homework;
- 4.0 Research Assignments;
- 5.0 Class Participation; and
- 6.0 Oral Presentation.