**ACCTG. 146—SPRING 2016**

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**OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:**

1. Understand the rules for filing an individual tax return.
2. Understand the advantages/disadvantages of the standard or itemized deductions.
3. Know how the tax law applies in typical situations.
4. Know how to complete the 1040 tax forms and the associated schedules.

**UPON COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:**

1. Demonstrate understanding of tax terminology and theory through class discussions.
2. Compare and contrast various tax alternatives to complete homework assignments, class exercises and examinations.
3. Demonstrate understanding of tax principles through proper application to new situations.
4. Use critical thinking to make tax related decisions by analyzing tax data and preparing tax returns with optimum tax benefit for the client.

**TEXT AND OTHER ITEMS TO BE USED—EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE:**

 Whittenburg, Altus-Buller, INCOME TAX FUNDAMENTALS, 2014 Edition, South-Western, CENGAGE Learning.

**METHODOLOGY:**

Accountants often work in a team setting to solve business problems. In this class homework will be discussed and questions answered in a team setting.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Chapters should be read before the class discussions.

2. All assignments will be checked at the **BEGINNING** of class for full credit.

**ATTENDANCE:**

You need to attend class regularly and participate (points are allocated to this). Attendance is taken during the first 5 minutes of class**.** Dropping from this class is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY,** however under some circumstances, the instructor will drop a student who fails to attend class regularly. Failure to drop will result in a grade being issued.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY/INTEGRITY**

Everyone who participates in the educational process at Reedley College is expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Cases of academic dishonesty are first handled between instructors and students. A student will receive no credit on an assignment, if in the opinion of the instructor the student has cheated (not completed the work based on their own effort, this includes homework assignments).

**GRADING:**

90 -100 A

80 -89 B your total points will be computed

70 -79 C and a grade will be assigned

60 -69 D according to this grade scale.

Below 60 F

Tentative points:

 Quizzes 85

 Take Home Exercises/Problems 70

 In class assignments 45

 Total 200

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation, per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please contact me or **Disabled Students Services at 559-638-0332** as soon as possible.

**The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time during the semester.**