Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Student Learning Outcomes
• Identify basics of Federal and California income tax law as it relates to individuals and small businesses.
• Demonstrate practical knowledge of income tax form preparation and tax compliance process as these relate to individuals

Description
Current federal and California income tax law as it relates to individuals, emphasizing practical application, tax planning and tax form preparation.

Course Objectives
The student will be able to:

a. Assess the tax consequences related to federal individual income tax returns.
b. Prepare federal individual income tax returns.
c. Analyze the tax consequences related to California individual income tax returns.
d. Prepare California individual income tax returns.

Course Content
a. U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040
   i. Laying the foundation
      1. Filing requirements for tax returns and extensions
      2. Filing status
      3. Personal exemptions
      4. Dependent exemptions
      5. Tax formula
   ii. Income
      1. Wages, salaries and other earnings
      2. Scholarships and fellowships
      3. Tip income
      4. Interest and dividend income, Schedule B
   iii. Gains and losses
      1. Basis in property
      2. Depreciation
      3. Disposition of property
      4. Sale of personal residence
      5. Installment sales
      6. Other dispositions
      7. Schedule D and Form 4797
   iv. Adjustments for AGI, above line deductions
      1. Educator expenses
      2. IRA deduction, Form 8606
      3. Student loan interest deduction
      4. Tuition fees deduction
      5. Moving expenses
      6. Other above line deductions
   v. Standard deduction and itemized deductions, Schedule A
      1. Medical and dental expenses
      2. Deductibility of various types of taxes
      3. Interest expense, allocation/tracing, Form 4952
      4. Charitable contributions, Form 8283
      5. Non-business casualty and theft losses
      6. Employee educational expenses
      7. Employee business expenses, Form 2106
      8. Other miscellaneous itemized deductions
   vi. Taxes and credits
      1. Taxes
      2. Withholding and estimated tax
      3. Alternative Minimum Tax, Form 6251
      4. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Schedule EIC
      5. Child and dependent care credit, Form 2441
      6. Credit for elderly or the disabled, Schedule R
      7. Child tax credits
      8. Education credits, Form 8863
      9. Credit for prior year minimum tax, Form 8801 & 6251
      10. Other credits
   b. California Income Tax Returns
      i. Residency
      ii. How Californians are taxed
      iii. California credits
      iv. California forms
         1. California taxable income
         2. California source income
         3. Introduction to California nonresident returns
      v. California in compliance with federal tax law, income and deductions
      vi. California in noncompliance with federal tax law, income and deductions
Lab Content
Not applicable.

Special Facilities and/or Equipment
1. Adobe 6.0; access to spreadsheet, word-processing and presentation software.
2. When taught as an online distance learning section, students and faculty need ongoing and continuous internet and email access.

Method(s) of Evaluation
Methods of Evaluation may include but are not limited to the following:

- Examinations
- Quizzes
- Written assignments
- Tax return preparations

Method(s) of Instruction
Methods of Instruction may include but are not limited to the following:

- Lecture
- Electronic discussions/chat

Representative Text(s) and Other Materials

Types and/or Examples of Required Reading, Writing, and Outside of Class Assignments
a. Reading of textbook on federal and California individual income taxation concepts
b. Reading Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board publications
c. Written projects applying federal and California income tax concepts to factual scenarios
d. Short writing assignments applying federal and California income tax concepts to various fact patterns

Discipline(s)
Accounting