# ACCT 4306 – 110& 120 Federal Tax Accounting II (10336 & 10337) Spring 2023

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

### COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

**Course Dates**: Jan 17, 2023 – May 12, 2023

**Mode of instruction and course access:** This is a <u>blended course</u>. Students who registered in section 110 can come to campus to have the face-to-face class every Tuesday. Students who registered section 120 will take 100% online course. Both sections share the same lectures in the same course shell in Canvas. The course uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com/].

**Location:** Founders Hall 210, 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday (see more detail information in "Course Complete Calendar" section).

#### INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Instructor:** Ran Li, PhD, CPA, CGMA **Office:** Founder's Hall room 323E **Phone: Office** (254)519-5793

Cell (315)262-6416 Email: ran.li@tamuct.edu

**Office Hours:** Office hours are after each class and by appointment only. Virtual appointments are workable by Microsoft appointment.

#### **Student-instructor interaction**

I am accessible through Canvas Inbox, which I check several times a day during the week and usually once a day on weekends. I will attempt to respond within 24 hours during the week and within 36 hours during the weekend. You may use my TAMUCT email for course-related matters. In the subject line of your email provide the course information "ACCT-4306". If your concern needs immediate attention, text me at my cell phone 315-262-6416. Remember, practice good communication skills (spelling and grammar).

### **Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

**SAFEZONE.** SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.

Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.

You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you

would like more information, you can visit the <u>SafeZone</u> website [www.safezoneapp.com].

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
  - o <u>iPhone/iPad</u>: [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]
  - Android Phone / Tablet
     [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp]
- 2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g., {name}@tamuct.edu)
- 3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

**For updates on COVID information**, please monitor the University <u>website</u> [https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/]

#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

## **Course Overview and description**

ACCT 4306. Federal Tax Accounting-II. 3 credits.

Continue the study of current income tax law and tax accounting procedures. Learn about preparation of income tax returns for partnerships and corporations.

**Pre-requisite(s):** ACCT 4305 or permission of department chair. Credit for both ACCT 4306 and FIN 4306 will not be awarded.

## **Course Objective or Goal**

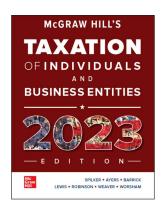
- Understand the current federal income tax laws applied to partnership, corporate entities including S-Corporations.
- Identify common permanent and temporary book-tax differences and compute a corporations' tax liability.
- Apply tax rules for operating partnership and corporate entities.
- Understand the basic U.S. framework for taxing multinational transactions in the global business environment.
- Understand the basic federal income tax for transfer taxes and wealth planning.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Student learning outcomes are made explicit at the module/unit level in Canvas.

### **Required Reading and Textbook(s)**

1. McGraw Hill's Taxation of Individuals and Business Entities, 2023 Edition, 14<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Spilker, Ayers, Barrick



ISBN 978-1-265-79029-5 (bound edition)

MHID 1-265-79029-9 (bound edition)

ISBN 978-1-265-61066-1 (loose-leaf edition)

MHID 1-265-61066-5 (loose-leaf edition)

### McGraw Hill's "Connect" access is mandatory

We will be using the text in addition to an online learning assessment website called "Connect" offered by the textbook publisher, McGraw Hill. Connect includes the online e-book version of the text, in addition to homework assignments, interactive assessments, and end-of-chapter study material. The e-book version of the text is accessible online only. Please go to Canvas>Modules>Course Information> "Student Registration Detail." You will find the registration link in the PDF file, and videos to tutorial how to register Connect and purchase eBook with different options. Connect registration date starts from 01/17/2023.

This textbook is used for both ACCT 4305- Federal Tax Accounting I (fall semester) and ACCT 4306- Federal Tax Accounting II (spring semester). Student may purchase access to McGraw Hill "Connect" access code for one academic year for saving.

2. Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition American Psychological Association Softcover, ISBN-13 978-1433805615



### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Course Requirements: (include point values for each- not just a percentage)
There will be a variety of graded and non-graded activities throughout the semester. Each

activity will assess your command of the material as well as your understanding of the course goals and concepts. Activities are assigned and completed during the class period unless otherwise noted and cannot be turned in later or if classes are missed.

Weekly Assignments & Assessments (45%): There will be one SmartBook ("SB") assignment, one homework assignment and one assessment for each chapter in Connect learning platform. Assignments (SB assignment and HW assignment) are generally due on Saturday at 11:00 p.m. The assignments are designed to understand the essential concepts when reading the chapters. You will receive the points from assignment after you complete all of the questions. And the answer key is open to you automatically through McGraw Hill. Chapter assessment is designed to enhance to master the essential concepts, and you will have two attempts at each assessment. The quiz generally has 20 MC or true or false questions, and due on Sunday no later than 11:00 p.m.

Weekly discussion (10%): Discussion questions will be presented for each module weekly on Canvas, and generally are due on Thursday at 11:00 p.m. See more detail rubric for discussion in Canvas.

**Exams (15%):** The course includes three equally weighted examinations. Material which will be covered on each exam is provided in prior chapters' topics identified, class discussions, and assessments/quizzes. Generally, I will give 3-5 days of exam windows considering some students are taking the full-time jobs, and the actual exam will be timed to complete in 90 - 120 minutes, depending on the difficulty level. Exam window generally closes at 11:00 p.m. on the due date.

**Projects and Presentation (30%):** Three tax returns (C-Corp & Partnership) projects will be assigned this semester. Each project is required to submit the completed tax forms at 11:00 p.m. on the due date (generally on Friday), the presentation of PPT slide and video are mandatory on Sunday. Videos can be recorded in YouTube, Mp3, or Echo360. Then the presentation videos will be shared in Canvas for peer-review.

First two returns will be group work, and the last one tax return (S-Corp) will be the individual's task. See more detail rubric for project in Canvas.

#### **Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion**

Students earn their course grades by completing scheduled assignments; no extra credit assignments are given.

<b>Course Element</b>	<b>Percent of Course Grade</b>
Assignments &	
Assessment	45%
Weekly Discussion	10%
Projects	30%
Exams	15%
Total	100%

Grade Equivalents			
Percent of Grade	Letter Grade		
90.0 - 100%	A		
80.0 - 89.9%	В		
70.0 - 79.9%	С		
60.0 - 69.9%	D		
59.9% or less	F		

## **Posting of Grades**

Grades will be posted on the Canvas Grade book (turn-around time for grades to be posted is 7 days). I rely on the definition of grading marks provided by Texas A & M University-Central Texas Catalog to provide a classification of grades. "The grade of "A" is given for outstanding achievement to a relatively small number of excellent scholars. The grade of "B" represents good achievement. The grade of "C" is given for average achievement and the grade of "D" for poor but passing work. The grade of "F" denotes failure and is given for unsatisfactory work."

### **Grading Policies**

See "INSTRUCTOR'S POLICIES" at the later session of the syllabus.

# **COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**

## ACCT 4306 - Federal Tax Accounting II Course Complete Calendar

Discussion is due on Thursday at 11:00 p.m.; Assignments are due on Saturday at 11:00 p.m.; Assessments are due on Sunday at 11:00 p.m. Project-Tax Returns are due on Friday at 11:00 p.m. Presentation slides and videos are due on Sunday at 11:00 p.m.

Weeks	F2F Class* (Tue)	Topics	Tasks
			Discusson-1 (Canvas); Self-Introduction Smartbook Assignment, HW Assignment & Assessment
1	1/17	Self-Introduction (Online - in Canvas); Go through Syllabus; Read: Chapter 15 - Business Entities Overview	Log in McGraw Hill "Connect"; Checkpoint-Tax & Accounting (Thomas Reuters) Research Database Familiarization;
2	1/24		Weekly Discussion
3	1/31	Chapter 16: Corporate Operations Chapter 17: Accounting for Income Taxes	Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment Group Project-group name listing submission (not more than 3 persons in each team)
4	2/7		persons in each team)
5	2/14*	Chapter 18: Corporate Taxations: Nonlitigating, Distributions Exam-1 (Ch 15-17)	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment Exam-1 available between 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, and closes at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday. Actual 90-120 minutes with time clock.
		Project 1-Group: C-Corp Tax Return	Project 1-Group: C-Corp Tax Return
6	2/21	Chapter 19: Corporate Formation, Reorganization, and Liquidation	Wookky Disaussion
7	2/28	Chapter 19: Caproate Formation, Reorganization, and Liquidation	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment
8	3/7*	Chapter 20: Forming and Operating Partnerships	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment
		Spring Break (3/13-3/17)	

9	3/21	Chapter 20: Forming and Operating Partnerships	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment
10	3/28	Chapter 21: Dispositions of Partnership Interests and Partnership Distributions Exam-2 (Ch18 - 20)	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment Exam-2 available between 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, and closes at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday.
11	4/4	Project 2-Group: Partnership Tax Returns	
12	4/11	Chapter 22: S-Corporations	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment
13	4/18	Project 3- Individual: S-Corp Tax Return	
14	4/25	Chapter 24: The U.S. Taxation of Multinational Transactions	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment
15	5/2	Chapter 25: Transfer Taxes and Wealth Planning	Weekly Discussion Smartbook Assignment, HW assignment & Assessment
16	5/9	Final Exam (Ch21, 22, 24 & 25)	

<sup>\*</sup>It is online today due to the instructor's scholarly activities.

## **Important University Dates**

https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html

#### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

## **Technology Requirements**

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com/] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [https://tamuct.onecampus.com/]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

#### **Canvas Support**

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select "Chat with Canvas Support," submit a support request through "Report a Problem," or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

#### **Online Proctored Testing**

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum

computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

## **Other Technology Support**

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: <a href="mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu">helpdesk@tamu.edu</a> Phone: (254) 519-5466

Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

#### UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

#### **Academic Accommodations**

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information, please visit our <u>Access & Inclusion</u> Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

# **Academic Integrity**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more <u>information regarding the student conduct process</u>, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may <u>submit a referral</u>, [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=0].

#### **Drop Policy**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the <u>Drop Request</u> Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpId=https://eisprod.ec.tamuct.edu:443/samlsso&SpSessionAuthnAdapterId=tamuctDF&TargetResource=https://sa%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

## Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit <a href="Student Affairs">Student Affairs</a> [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender–including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

# **Tutoring**

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both virtually and in-person. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question, are interested in becoming a tutor, or in need of success coaching contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, visit the Warrior Center at 212 Warrior Hall, or by emailing WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu.

To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit <u>Tutor Matching</u> <u>Services</u> [https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT] or visit the Tutoring Center in 111 Warrior Hall.

Chat live with a remote tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

### **University Library & Archives**

The University Library & Archives provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 350 electronic databases containing approximately 631,525 eBooks and 75,149 journals, in addition to the 97,443 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject

taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams or in-person at the library. Schedule an appointment here [https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments]. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to

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Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our <u>Library website</u> [https://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

### **University Writing Center**

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University—Central Texas (A&M—Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M—Central Texas students. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday in Warrior Hall 416 (with online tutoring available every hour as well) with satellite hours available online only Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via <a href="WCOnline">WCOnline</a> [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

#### OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS

#### A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Wellness and Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the <a href="Title IX webpage">Title IX webpage</a> [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

#### **Behavioral Intervention**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the <u>referral</u> online

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the <u>Behavioral Intervention Team</u> website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/bit]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

#### INSTRUCTOR POLICIES

Professional-level writing and communication are critical skills in the business world. This standard should be displayed in all assignments for this class. All communications, both to the professor and student colleagues should be kept professional, including Discussion Board postings and email correspondence. For written assignments, all work should be proofread, free of grammatical errors, include proper citations, and be by American Psychological Association (APA) standards.

**NOTE** #1: Requests for *Incomplete Grades*: Incompletes will only be given in emergency or other extreme circumstances. The professor must approve any request for an incomplete grade in this course before the last week of classes. Where possible, requests should be submitted in written form and must include an address and telephone number where you may be contacted throughout the following semester. For a request for an incomplete grade to be considered, at least two-thirds of the coursework has to be completed. Finally, approval of an incomplete is up to the department chair.

**NOTE** #2: Questions concerning one's grade on a particular task (e.g., test, project) should be resolved within one week after receiving the graded material. There will not be reviewing of previously graded material at the end of the semester.

**NOTE** #3: Late Submissions/Resubmissions: Students have a period of 7 days each week to complete and submit the weekly assignments. Make sure to plan your time wisely and avoid last-minute submissions since no late assignments will be accepted. All assignments must be turned in by the due date unless an extension has been granted. Extensions on assignments will be considered only if they are requested at least 48 hours before the due date of the assignment under question. After the fact, extensions will not be granted. If you are sick and you know you will not be able to take a test or submit an assignment on the set due date, make sure to contact me at least 48 hours in advance.

**NOTE** #4: Changes to Syllabus: A syllabus serves as an instructional and study planning document for both faculty and students. Although every effort will be taken to complete the semester according to the syllabus it may become necessary to make specific changes to facilitate the academic environment better. In such an event, changes will be notified via an announcement in the course. Changes may be made within the last two weeks of the semester only in exceptional circumstances.

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