



PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A 10-WEEK COURSE

ACCT 1125 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

COURSE SYLLABUS

Online

Fall Semester 2021 (202212)

COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/3000

Campus/Class Location: Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC)/Blackboard

Class Meets: Via Internet for 10 weeks

Course Reference Number (CRN): 20070

Preferred Method of Contact: [Lori Sweat \(lsweat@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:lsweat@southeasterntech.edu)

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor Name: Lori L. Sweat

Email Address: [Lori Sweat \(lsweat@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:lsweat@southeasterntech.edu)

Campus/Office Location: Swainsboro Campus/Building 2, Room 2113

Office Hours: 8-11:30 am; 1-5 pm T/W/R

Phone: 478-289-2223

Fax Number: 478-289-2276

Tutoring Hours: By Appointment

Campus/Office Location: Vidalia Campus/Gillis Building, 837

Office Hours: 8-11:30 am; 1-5 pm M

Phone: 912-538-3100, extension 2223

Fax Number: 912-538-3106

Tutoring Hours: By Appointment

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S (STC) CATALOG AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

Students are responsible for all policies and procedures and all other information included in Southeastern Technical College's [Catalog and Student Handbook \(http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php).

REQUIRED TEXT

CengageUnlimited Access Card

This includes access to ebook *Income Tax Fundamentals* 38th edition, Whittenburg and access to CengageNow platform, which is required for completing your homework and taking tests.

Choose ONLY ONE (depending upon your needs):

Cengage Unlimited Printed Access Card	International Standard Book Number (ISBN)
1 Term Access (4 months)	978-0-357-70003-7
Multi-Term Access (12 months)	978-0-357-70004-4
2 Year Access (24 months)	978-0-357-70005-1

REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE

Calculator (no special requirements as long as it will add, subtract, multiply and divide), earbuds, pencil.

Computer Requirements – Access to a computer with one of the following operating systems is required: Microsoft Windows OS (XP, Vista); Apple Mac OS X (10.0) or above; or Unix/Linux. Access to a printer is also necessary to print homework assignments.

Reliable Internet Access - 56K Dial-Up connection or better. DSL or Cable recommended. **Mozilla Firefox is the recommended browser. Please do NOT use Internet Explorer.**

Recommended Software - Adobe Acrobat Reader; Macromedia Flash 7.0+; Macromedia: Shockwave; Quicktime; Windows Media; Microsoft Office 2007 or higher.

If you do not have computer access, see your instructor for information regarding use of open labs on both Swainsboro and Vidalia campuses.

Note: Although students can use their smart phones and tablets to access their online course(s), exams, discussions, assignments, and other graded activities should be performed on a personal computer. Neither Blackboard nor Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC) provide technical support for issues relating to the use of a smart phone or tablet so students are advised to not rely on these devices to take an online course.

Students should not share login credentials with others and should change passwords periodically to maintain security.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Provides instruction for preparation of individual federal income tax.

MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES

Topics include: taxable income, income adjustments, schedules, standard deductions, itemized deductions, exemptions, tax credits, and tax calculations.

PREREQUISITE(S)

None

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Taxable Income
2. Income Adjustments
3. Schedules
4. Standard Deductions
5. Itemized Deductions
6. Exemptions
7. Tax Credits
8. Tax Calculations

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

Southeastern Technical College has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS (ONLINE)

Online students are responsible for checking e-mails and Blackboard announcements DAILY. It is my only means of communication with you. It only takes a few minutes. Please discipline yourself to check email and Blackboard announcements daily. You cannot succeed in an online class without checking emails and Blackboard announcements frequently.

Students are expected to prove weekly academic engagement by meeting assignment deadlines each week and spending a minimum of 50 hours during the semester doing the required homework, quizzes, and tests. Students are expected to communicate frequently through college email and discussion boards. College email and other STC resources can be accessed from the mySTC tab on STC's Website. Email can also be accessed in the menu of your Blackboard course.

See Technology Access Guide in Blackboard for instructions on logging in to Blackboard, BannerWeb, Student Email, etc.

NO SHOW REQUIREMENTS

In order to acknowledge attendance for the class the student **must** complete ALL of the following for this course within the first three days of class:

1. Send your instructor an email from your STC account stating that you intend to take this course. I need to see that you know how to access your STC email. ALL email correspondence is sent to your STC email during the semester. Do not use your personal email account; always use your STC email. See the Technology Access Guide in Blackboard if you need help accessing your STC email.
2. Complete the Pledge Acknowledgement Quiz in the "Getting Started" link.
3. Complete the Student Introduction in the "Getting Started" link.
4. Subscribe to remind.com for text reminders from the instructor. See Blackboard for instructions to subscribe to remind.com.

5. Take the syllabus quiz in Blackboard and score 100%. It is set for multiple attempts. Check the grade book for your score and re-take as necessary to score 100%.
6. Watch the COVID-19 presentation and complete the acknowledgement. This is very important; watch the presentation carefully.

NO HARM NO FOUL POLICY

It is the student's responsibility to drop courses during the first three days by completing a withdrawal form with a Counselor in Student Affairs. If a student completes the above no-show requirements during the first three days, the student will be dropped with no penalty **only if they have completed the Withdrawal Form with Student Affairs by the close of business on the third business day of the semester. The student must formally withdraw from classes in order to receive the no harm-no foul benefit.**

DEADLINES

Students are expected to complete all assignments (homework, tax returns, tests, discussion boards) by the dates specified on the attached lesson plan. Early submissions are accepted; late submissions are NOT accepted.

TESTS

Tests are posted for a week in Blackboard; tests must be completed by the date specified on the lesson plan. There are no makeup tests, and students who miss a test are assigned a grade of zero. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit in case you have internet problems with your computer because there are no make-up tests, and there are no exceptions. If internet or browser failure occurs, contact the instructor immediately by email. A decision will be made at that time IF the test will be reset. Only one test per student will be reset per semester if the instructor is notified in time according to the instructions and if the request is granted. Check your email for instructor response to a request for a test reset. If you do not check your email for the instructor response and miss the deadline provided, you will receive a grade of zero. Any zeroes recorded for missed tests will be included in the final score calculation.

HOMEWORK

Although chapter homework assignments are to be completed in CengageNOW, there is a link to those assignments in the chapter folder in Blackboard. When you view the assignment listing, It is recommended that you click on "print blank assignment" before choosing "Take." This will allow you to print the homework assignment so that you can work on it when you're away from the computer. I recommend printing the assignments from Cengage, working them on paper, and then keying your answers into Cengage. This way you can see HOW you got your answer. If you have a question, your instructor will need to see how you got your incorrect answer in order to provide assistance. Also, if you have technical difficulties while entering your answers, you will want to have something to go back to so that you can re-enter your answers.

Group 1 Multiple Choice homework in CengageNow: You have the option to click "check my work" at the bottom left side of the screen 2 times after answering each question and proceeding to the next.

Group 2 Problems in CengageNow: You have the option to click "check my work" at the bottom left side of the screen 5 times after answering each question and proceeding to the next.

DO NOT click "Submit for grading" until you are ready to submit your entire assignment. Once you "submit for grading" your entire homework assignment will be submitted, including questions you may not have answered

yet. Homework assignments may not be submitted after the due date, resulting in a zero (0). Any zeroes recorded for missed homework will be included in the final score calculation.

Although not for a grade, students should additionally complete the self-study for each chapter to supplement their study of the material.

TAX RETURNS

After completing the Group 1 Multiple Choice and Group 2 Problems in CengageNow, students will complete three tax returns for each chapter. (There are four for Chapter 1.) The information for the tax returns is in the eBook at the end of the chapter under the section Group 4: Comprehensive Problems. The tax returns will be prepared using ProConnect, a free online software provided by Intuit, the makers of QuickBooks. If you have already taken ACCT 1115 (we use QuickBooks), you will use the same username and password for ProConnect as used for downloading QuickBooks. Instructions for preparing the tax returns are provided by Cengage and are located in Blackboard under the chapter folder in a folder named "Chapter X Tax Return Instructions." The link to the free online software <https://taxeducation.intuit.com/> is included in those instructions. After completing the tax returns, you will save a pdf file on your computer and drop it the appropriate Blackboard drop box. Before submitting, you should check over the returns for data errors and reasonableness. If a large amount of tax is due, you should re-visit the return before submitting. **DO NOT SUBMIT A RETURN JUST TO SUBMIT SOMETHING TO THE DROP BOX. Check your work; pretend these individuals are clients.** As always, email or call your instructor if you have questions about the tax returns. If necessary make an appointment during your instructor's office hours. Any zeroes recorded for missed tax returns will be included in the final score calculation.

DISCUSSION BOARDS

Discussion boards simulate a traditional classroom discussion. Please participate. There are five discussion boards for the semester. They are located in Blackboard, under Lessons, in a folder named Discussion Boards; refer to your lesson plan for weeks requiring participation in a discussion board. **For weeks requiring a discussion board, students should make a post by 11:55 pm on Wednesday and reply to a post made by a classmate by 11:55 pm on Monday.** This is clearly noted on the lesson plan. Students should put the name of the article they are summarizing in the subject line of their discussion board post. Students should post a summary of an article that has NOT already been summarized by a classmate. Posts and replies should be thoughtful and thoroughly summarize the article. See the discussion board rubric located at the end of this syllabus for grading details. Discussion boards must be completed by the date specified; assignments may be submitted early. However, if students post early, they must remember to go back and reply to at least one other student's post. Discussion boards will not be graded after the due date resulting in a zero (0). Any zeroes recorded for missed discussion boards will be included in the final score calculation.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

The preferred method of communication is email using your STC email. See instructor's email address on the first page of this syllabus. Please make sure that you always type your name and class in the subject line of every email you send me so I know which class you are emailing regarding. For example: **John Doe ACCT 1125**. College email is accessed at <https://portal.office.com>, under Quick links on our webpage, or in the menu of your Blackboard course.

CHECKING GRADES

You should monitor your grades. Your course average will show on the home page report card of this course in Blackboard. A detailed grade book is available in the BLACKBOARD course on the main page by clicking the "Check My Grades." Individual grades for each test, homework assignment, comprehensive problem, and discussion board, as well as the overall course average using the weights described in the Grading Policy section of the syllabus should display in the grade book to help track course progress.

OTHER STUDENT REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

Students are highly encouraged to use the student resources provided in CengageNow.

COVID-19 MASK REQUIREMENT

Regardless of vaccination status, masks or face coverings must be worn at all times while in a classroom or lab of Southeastern Technical College. This measure is being implemented to reduce COVID-19 related health risks for everyone engaged in the educational process. Masks or face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A student's refusal to wear a mask or face covering will be considered a classroom disruption and the student may be asked to leave campus and/or receive further discipline.

COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

We encourage individuals to monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming on campus.

If you have experienced the symptoms listed below or have a body temperature 100.4°F or higher, we encourage you to self-quarantine at home and contact a primary care physician's office, local urgent care facility, or health department for further direction. Please notify your instructor(s) by email and do not come on campus for any reason.

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
Fever or felt feverish
Chills
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (not attributed to any other health condition)
Cough: new or worsening, not attributed to another health condition
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat (not attributed to any other health condition)
Congestion or runny nose (not attributed to any other health condition)
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea
In the past 14 days, if you:
Have had close contact with or are caring for an individual

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
diagnosed with COVID-19 at home (not in healthcare setting), please do not come on campus and contact your instructor (s).

COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Students, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, are required to self-report using <https://www.southeasterntech.edu/covid-19/>. Report all positive cases of COVID-19 to your instructor and Stephannie Waters, Exposure Control Coordinator, swaters@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3195.

ONLINE ATTENDANCE

It is the student's responsibility to be academically engaged each week doing course related activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an "F" (Failing 0-59) in a course.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at 11:55 pm on Monday of each week. Exceptions to the due dates of assignments due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact the appropriate campus coordinator to request services.

Swainsboro Campus: Daphne Scott dscott@southeasterntech.edu, 478-289-2274, Building 1, Room 1210

Vidalia Campus: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3126, Building A, Room 165

SPECIFIC ABSENCES

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

PREGNANCY

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please make arrangements with the appropriate campus coordinator.

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Vidalia Campus: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3126, Building A, Room 165

It is strongly encouraged that requests for consideration be made **PRIOR** to delivery and early enough in the

pregnancy to ensure that all the required documentation is secured before the absence occurs. Requests made after delivery **MAY NOT** be accommodated. The coordinator will contact your instructor to discuss accommodations when all required documentation has been received. The instructor will then discuss a plan with you to make up missed assignments.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" is assigned for the course(s) when the student completes the withdrawal form.

Important – Student-initiated withdrawals are not allowed after the 65% point. After the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled, the student has earned the right to a letter grade and will receive a grade for the course. Please note: Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of 'F' being assigned. The 65% point for this semester is Wednesday, September 29.

Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course, does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. A grade of 'W' will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

PROCTORED EVENT REQUIREMENT

In order to validate student identity for all online courses, students enrolled in online courses are **required** to complete one proctored event per online course. The proctored event will be administered on separate days—once on the Vidalia campus and once on the Swainsboro campus. Students must attend one of the proctored sessions as scheduled on the Lesson Plan/Course Calendar. The event will be monitored by the instructor or by an approved proctor. The proctored event may be a major exam, assignment, or presentation, etc. that will count a minimum of 20% of the course grade. Students must attend one of the scheduled proctored sessions and will need to make arrangements with work, childcare, etc. The specific dates of the proctored event are scheduled on the Lesson Plan/Calendar for the online course.

Students living farther than 75 miles from either campus who cannot come to Southeastern Tech for the event must secure an approved proctoring site. The site and the proctor must meet Southeastern Technical College's requirements (instructor will provide more information and necessary forms if this is the case). Note: Students taking proctored events off campus will utilize the Proctor Scheduling and Approval Form found in Blackboard within the Getting Started/Start Here and Proctoring Event area. The completed form should be submitted to the course instructor a minimum of two weeks prior to the proctored event. If approved, the instructor will notify the proctor.

Students arranging off-campus proctoring must take the event on one of the originally scheduled days. Students who do not complete the proctored event as scheduled must submit a valid documented excuse within three business days after the scheduled event. If the excuse is approved by the instructor of the course, students must make arrangements with the instructor to makeup/reschedule the missed event. The

penalty and makeup instructions will be at the instructor's discretion. Proctored events will be given after the 65% point of the semester. **Students who do not complete the proctored event on the scheduled date and do not present a valid documented excuse within three business days of the scheduled event will be given a zero for the proctored event.**

PROCTORING FEES

Students are not charged a proctoring fee when taking a proctored event at Southeastern Technical College or any other TCSG college. Students who choose to use an off-campus proctor may be assessed a proctoring fee by the proctoring site. In this instance, the student is responsible for payment.

The required proctored event for this class is a cumulative final tax return covering Chapters 1-5 scheduled on the following dates and times:

Thursday, October 21 at 9 am on the Swainsboro Campus, Building 2, Room 2113.

OR

Monday, October 25 at 9 am on the Vidalia Campus, Gillis Building, Room 839

Please send your instructor an email by noon Monday, October 18 to schedule which of these dates you will take your proctored exam.

The following items are required for the proctored exam:

- STC Student ID**
- Mask**
- Pencil**
- Calculator**

MAKEUP GUIDELINES (Tests, quizzes, homework, projects, etc.)

ALL required work must be completed on the specified dates on the attached lesson plan. Ample time is given for completion of all assignments; therefore, **NO ASSIGNMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE**. A grade of zero will be given for any late assignment (homework, tax returns, tests, and discussion boards). Any zeros recorded will be included in the final score calculation. Refer to the Student Requirements section of this syllabus for more details.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

The Southeastern Technical College Academic Dishonesty Policy states that all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the Southeastern Technical College Catalog and Student Handbook.

PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

1. First Offense

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the

incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

2. Second Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

3. Third Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of third offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, federally financed programs, educational programs and activities involving admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also applies to the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

All work and campus environments shall be free from unlawful forms of discrimination, harassment and retaliation as outlined under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, Executive Order 11246, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Equal Pay Act, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the Georgia Fair Employment Act of 1978, as amended, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and other related mandates under TCSG Policy, federal or state statutes.

The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer
Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 165 Phone: 912-538-3126 Email: Helen Thomas	Lanie Jonas, Director of Human Resources Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3230 Email: Lanie Jonas

American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer
hthomas@southeasterntech.edu	ljonas@southeasterntech.edu

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Southeastern Technical College is committed to making course content accessible to individuals to comply with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you find a problem that prevents access, please contact the course instructor.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on Southeastern Technical College's website.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [Southeastern Technical College's Website \(www.southeasterntech.edu\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu).

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.

GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Tests	40%
Proctored Final Tax Return	25%
Group 1 Multiple Choice & Group 2 Problems Homework	20%
Group 4 Comprehensive Problem Tax Returns	10%
Discussion Boards	5%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

ADDITIONAL GRADING INFORMATION:

Your official average for the course is located in the Blackboard (BB) gradebook using the weights described in the Grading Policy section of the syllabus. The average you will see in the CengageNow platform only has homework assignments completed in CengageNow. The CengageNow grade book does not immediately sync with the Blackboard gradebook, but it should be reflected in Blackboard within 24 hours.

Note about not giving up: A few bad grades are never a good reason to give-up. Giving up results in an F whereas trying usually results in an A, B, C, or D --- all of which are better than an F. Most students are able to turn things around after a few bad grades if they just try. Always take time to discuss things with your instructor. We have to learn to overcome bad circumstances and not run away from them. It is usually easier to turn things around than you think.

How many hours per week should I expect this course to take me? Class Time/Contact Hours for this course are 3000 minutes or 50 hours for an entire semester. In a lecture class, this would be considered seat time. This is equivalent to 5 hours per week during a 10 week semester. In addition to class time, students can expect to spend 2 to 3 times the contact hours doing additional tasks such as homework, tutorials, reading, and studying. Therefore, the course will take more than 50 hours.

- 10 Week Semester: 5 contact hours per week X 2 = a minimum of 10 hours per week.

Are you feeling overwhelmed as you read all your course expectations for each class? That is a natural reaction at the beginning of the semester. Just listen to and communicate with your instructors and classmates. Take time to become organized in each class, and it will all come together soon. Your instructors want you to be successful.

Note about CengageNow: CengageNOW is a valuable tool that can greatly enhance your learning of the material. In addition, CengageNOW will increase your ability to work in the online environment, which is in high demand in today's workforce.

ACCT 1125 Individual Tax Accounting Fall Semester 202212 Lesson Plan

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content/Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
First Day August 16	No Show Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRINT and read the ACCT 1125 Course Syllabus/Lesson Plan <u>located in Blackboard</u>. Any other syllabus is merely tentative. 2. Read all of the items under the "Getting Started" link. 3. Complete ALL of the following no-show requirements by 11:55 pm, Wednesday, August 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Pledge Acknowledgment Quiz in the "Getting Started" link in Blackboard <input type="checkbox"/> Post the Student Introduction in the "Getting Started" link in Blackboard <input type="checkbox"/> Send your instructor an email from your <u>STC account</u> stating your intentions to take the course. Do not use your personal email account; I need to see that you know how to access your STC email. ALL email correspondence is sent to your STC email this semester. See the Technology Access Guide in Blackboard if you need help accessing your STC email. <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for course reminders to be sent to your phone as a text. See link in Blackboard under Lessons. <input type="checkbox"/> Take the syllabus quiz in Blackboard and score 100%. It is set for multiple attempts. Check the grade book for your score and re-take as necessary to score 100%. Print your syllabus FIRST (refer to step 1 above) and use it to answer the questions. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch the COVID-19 presentation and complete the acknowledgement. This is very important; watch the presentation carefully. <p><u>If ALL of these items are not completed by 11:55 pm on Wednesday, Wednesday, August 18 you will be turned in as a No-Show and will be removed from the course.</u></p> <p>→It is most important that you register your CengageNow access code as soon as possible.</p> <p>See next page for Week 1 Assignments→</p>	1,3,4,6,8 b,c

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content/Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 1 August 16-23	Chapter 1: The Individual Tax Return	<p>In Cengage: Complete Chapter 1 reading. In Blackboard, view Chapter 1 PowerPoint presentation</p> <p>Homework (in Cengage)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Group 1 Multiple Choice 1-26 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Group 2 Problems 1-29 <p>This homework will be due 8/30</p> <p>It is recommended that you click on “print blank assignment” before choosing “Take.” This will allow you to work on the assignment when you’re away from the computer.</p> <p>Chapter 1 Group 1 Multiple Choice homework in CengageNow: You have the option to click “check my work” at the bottom left side of the screen <u>2 times</u> after answering each question and proceeding to the next.</p> <p>Chapter 1 Group 2 homework problems in CengageNow: You have the option to click “check my work” at the bottom left side of the screen <u>5 times</u> after answering each question and proceeding to the next.</p> <p>DO NOT click “Submit for grading” until you are ready to submit your entire assignment. Once you “submit for grading” your entire homework assignment will be submitted, including questions you may not have answered yet.</p>	1,3,4,6,8 b,c

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Week 2 August 24-30	Chapter 1: The Individual Tax Return	Using Intuit ProConnect, complete: Chapter 1 Group 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 1A <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 1B <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2A <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2B Due by 11:55 pm 8/25: <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 1 Post Due by 11:55 pm 8/30: <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-26 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Group 2: Problems 1-29 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Group 4: Comprehensive Problems 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B (tax returns) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 1 reply to another student Chapter 1 Test will be available in Blackboard 8/30 – 9/7	1,3,4,6,8 b,c
Week 3 August 31 – September 7	Chapter 2: Gross Income and Exclusions	In Cengage: Complete the Chapter 2 Reading. In Blackboard, view Chapter 2 PowerPoint presentation Homework (in Cengage) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-39 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Group 2: Problems 1-36 This homework will be due 9/13 Due by 11:55 pm 9/7: <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1 Test Note—this week’s due date is on Tuesday due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, September 6	1,3,4,6,8 b,c

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Week 4 September 7-13	Chapter 2: Gross Income and Exclusions	Using Intuit ProConnect, complete: Chapter 2 Group 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2A, <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2B. Due by 11:55 pm 9/8: <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 2 Post Due by 11:55 pm 9/13: <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-39 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Group 2: Problems 1-36 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Group 4: Comprehensive Problems 1, 2A, 2B (tax returns) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 2 reply to another student Chapter 2 Test will be available in Blackboard available 9/13 – 9/20	2,4,6,8 b,c
Week 5 September 14-20	Chapter 3: Business Income & Expenses	In Cengage: Complete Chapter 3 Reading. In Blackboard, view Chapter 3 PowerPoint presentation Homework (in Cengage) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Group 2: Problems 1-25 This homework will be due 9/27 Due by 11:55 pm 9/20: <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2 Test	2,4,6,8 b,c

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Week 6 September 21 - 27	Chapter 3: Business Income & Expenses	Using Intuit ProConnect, complete: Chapter 3 Group 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2A, <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2B. Due by 11:55 pm 9/22: <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 3 Post Due by 11:55 pm 9/27: <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Group 2: Problems 1-25 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Group 4: Comprehensive Problems 1, 2A, 2B (tax returns) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 3 reply to another student Chapter 3 Test will be available in Blackboard available 9/27 – 10/4 Note: Students who withdraw on or before Wednesday, September 29 receive a grade of “W”	2,4,6,8 b,c

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Week 7 September 28 – October 4	Chapter 4: Additional Income & the Qualified Business Income Deduction	<p>Note: Students who withdraw on or before Wednesday, September 29 receive a grade of "W"</p> <p>Please note: Chapter 4 must be completed in one week instead of the normal two weeks!!!</p> <p>In Cengage: Complete Chapter 4 Reading In Blackboard, view Chapter 4 PowerPoint presentation</p> <p>Homework (in Cengage)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-28 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Group 2: Problems 1-16 <p>Using Intuit ProConnect, complete: Chapter 4 Group 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2A, <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2B. <p>Due by 11:55 pm 9/29:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 4 Post <p>Due by 11:55 pm 10/4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-28 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Group 2: Problems 1-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Group 4: Comprehensive Problems 1, 2A, 2B (tax returns) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 4 reply to another student <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3 Test <p>Chapter 4 Test will be available in Blackboard available 10/4 – 10/11</p>	2,4,6,8 b,c

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Week 8 October 5 - 11	Chapter 5: Deductions For and From AGI	<p>In Cengage: Complete Chapter 5 Reading In Blackboard, view Chapter 5 PowerPoint presentation</p> <p>Homework (in Cengage)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-34 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Group 2: Problems 1-33 <p>This homework will be due 10/18</p> <p>Due by 11:55 pm 10/11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4 Test <p>Chapter 5 Test will be available in Blackboard 10/11 – 10/18</p>	4,5,6,8 b,c
Week 9 October 12 - 18	Chapter 5: Deductions For and From AGI	<p>Using Intuit ProConnect, complete: Chapter 5 Group 4</p> <p>In the drop box, state which medical expenses were entered and the amount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2A, <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Problem 2B. <p>Due by 11:55 pm 10/13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 5 Post <p>Due by 11:55 pm 10/18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Self Study (not graded) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Group 1: Multiple Choice 1-34 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Group 2: Problems 1-33 <p>Chapter 5 Group 4: Comprehensive Problems 1, 2A, 2B (tax returns) In the drop box, state which medical expenses were entered and the amount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board 5 reply to another student <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5 Test <p>Go back through all CNow homework assignments; review all the tax returns we've completed this term; study for final tax return.</p> <p>Please send your instructor an email by noon Monday, October 18 to schedule which of these dates you will take your proctored exam.</p>	4,5,6,8 b,c

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Week 10 October 19 -25		<p>Take the Proctored Exam (Final Tax Return) on Chapters 1-5 in person:</p> <p>Thursday, October 21 at 9 am on the Swainsboro Campus, Building 2, Room 2113.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Monday, October 25 at 9 am on the Vidalia Campus, Gillis Building, Room 839</p> <p>The following items are required for the proctored exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> STC Student ID <input type="checkbox"/> Mask <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator <p>Log into Blackboard; go to:</p> <p>Lessons, Final Tax Return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete course survey <input type="checkbox"/> Complete final tax return in ProConnect and submit in Blackboard drop box. 	1-8 a,b,c

COMPETENCY AREAS:

1. Taxable Income
2. Income Adjustments
3. Schedules
4. Standard Deductions
5. Itemized Deductions
6. Exemptions
7. Tax Credits
8. Tax Calculations

GENERAL CORE EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCIES

- a) The ability to utilize standard written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
- c) The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

DISCUSSION BOARD RUBRIC

# of discussion posts	# of discussion replies	Grade	Due Date, Length, Grammar and Spelling Requirements
1	1	100	<p>To receive full credit, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make their initial discussion board post/summary of their chosen <i>Journal of Accountancy</i> article by Wednesday (20 point deduction) • reply to at least one other student's post by the following Monday. (Replying to your own post is NOT considered a reply.) (30 point deduction) • include the name of the article summarized/discussed in the subject line of their post (10 point deduction) • summarize/discuss an article that has not already been summarized/discussed by another student (30 point deduction) • have a MINIMUM of 4-5 sentences in their post that summarizes/discusses the article thoroughly (worth up to 50 points) • have a MINIMUM of 4-5 sentences in their thorough and thoughtful reply to another student's post that is not simply "yes/no" or "I agree/I disagree" (worth up to 30 points) • make post and reply that is free of grammatical and spelling errors (up to 10 point deduction for gross grammatical and spelling errors) • paste working web link to the article summarized/discussed (30 point deduction)