

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	ACC 340: Principles of Taxation -3KU credits (6 ECTS credits)
	Department	Economics and Management
	Program type	Undergraduate
	Term	Fall, 2019
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Prerequisites	ACC 210 Principles of Accounting	
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory	
Required textbooks and course materials	<p><i>Core study materials:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Code of the Azerbaijan Republic 2. Alan Melville, “Taxation: Finance Act”, 23th edition (or 15th -2010 edition), Pearson Education Limited, 2017. 3. PSA Tax Protocols 4. Double Tax Treaties between AR and other countries <p><i>Supplementary materials and textbooks:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taxation clause of Production Share Agreements and Host Government Agreements in Azerbaijan 2. OECD Transfer Pricing Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Tax Administrations 3. OECD Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital 4. Commentaries on the Articles of Model Tax Convention 5. Dieter Endres, Christoph Spengel, “International Company Taxation and Tax Planning”, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 2015 6. Kevin Holmes, “International Tax Policy and Double Tax Treaties”, 2nd revised edition (or 1st -2007 edition), IBFD, 2014. 	
Course outline	Traditional business administration courses analyze broad factors that impacts business decision-making, however they normally pay a little attention to the role of taxes. In contrast, popular tax accounting courses analyze administrative issues, but ignoring the context where the business operates. This course establishes a bridge to close this gap by providing a framework to understand tax planning opportunities and applying basic international principles of tax strategy.	
Course objectives	<p>The course introduces candidates to the subject of taxation, tax practices, procedures; provides the core knowledge of the underlying principles of different taxes; introduces major technical and legal areas of taxation as they affect the activities of both individuals and businesses locally and internationally. Candidates are introduced to the rationale behind – and the functions of – the tax system.</p> <p>The syllabus then considers the separate taxes that managers would need to have a knowledge of to make a business decision, such as income tax from self-employment, employment and investments, the corporation tax liability of individual companies and groups of companies, the national insurance contribution liabilities of both employed and self-employed persons, the value added tax liability of businesses, and other tax liabilities, such as mineral extraction tax, road tax, land tax and property taxes for both individuals and companies.</p>	

	<p>Having covered the core areas of the basic taxes, students should be able to compute tax liabilities, explain the basis of their calculations, apply tax planning techniques for individuals and companies and identify the compliance issues for each major tax through a variety of business and personal scenarios and situations.</p> <p><i>Generic Objectives of the Course:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal of this course is to provide students with both a basic theoretical knowledge and working knowledge of taxes and taxation procedure. The course focuses on the various taxes applied in our country, taxation principles applied in the legislation, and international taxation issues. By the end of the course, candidates should be able to identify and analyze the various taxes and taxation issues that can be involved in business decision making. <p><i>Specific Objectives of the Course:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The course is designed to introduce base taxation principles of individuals and businesses to the students. It will deepen students' knowledge of taxation system comparing the local tax system with the international taxation principles. We will discuss different tax regimes and all applicable taxes in Azerbaijan that would furnish the students to make business decisions. To furnish the students with the critical way of thinking about taxes. 		
Learning outcomes	<p>A goal of the course is to provide candidates with an approach of thinking about taxes very broadly considering theoretical aspects too. By the end of the course the students should be able:</p> <p><i>Generic Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the general taxation principles of individuals and businesses; Understand impact of taxes on business decision making; To understand core elements of domestic taxation system; Understand international taxation principles and recent developments in combatting tax evasion. <p><i>Specific outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to determine and solve various tax problems based on a well-grounded reasoning; Ability to think critically about current tax reform proposals; To be able to develop analytical skills by solving problems. 		
Teaching methods	Lecture		✓
	Group discussion		✓
	Experiential exercise		
	Case analysis		✓
	Course paper		
	Others		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	05.11.2019	30
	Class Activity		5
	Attendance		5
	Quizzes	15.10.2019 10.12.2019	10
	Group Practice	15.10.2019	10
	Final Exam		40
	Total		100
Policy	Students are required to attend all classes to be able to follow all lectures. Activity in class discussions will play a vital role in assessment of students' activity rates. Assessment will be based on how active students are in the class discussions by answering the instructor's		

	<p>questions, and initiating to ask subject related questions, and providing their views and insights on respective matters</p> <p>Two (2) quizzes will be held to evaluate factual standing points of students in terms of the covered topics. A main purpose of carrying out quizzes is to enforce students' focuses on covered lectures and provide students experience in solving several types of theoretical and numerical questions.</p> <p>Students will be required to submit Group Practice work on non-profit taxes applied in different countries. Group work/presentation to be submitted and presented to the whole group. The purpose of the group work to encourage the research mindset for students and prepare them for independent work.</p>
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Tentative Schedule

Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Reading notes
1	17.09.2019	Introduction / General Principles of Taxation and Comparison of it with the Taxation System in Azerbaijan	Tax Code of AR, Chapters 1 and 2; “International Company Taxation and Tax Planning”, Chapter 1
2	24.09.2019	Taxation of Individuals – PIT and Social Insurance Contributions	Tax Code of AR, Chapter 8; “International Company Taxation and Tax Planning” Chapter 2
3	01.10.2019	Corporate Income Tax (part 1)	“International Company Taxation and Tax Planning” Chapter 3
4	08.10.2019	Corporate Income Tax (part 2)	Tax Code of AR, Chapters 9 and 10
5	15.10.2019	Practice session / QUIZ 1	
6	22.10.2019	Value Added Tax and Excise Tax (part 1)	OECD International VAT/GST Guidelines, Chapter 1
7	29.10.2019	Value Added Tax and Excise Tax (part 2)	Tax Code of AR, Chapters 11;
8	05.11.2019	Mid-term Exam	
9	12.11.2019	Property Tax, Land Tax	Tax Code of AR, Chapters 13 and 14;
10	19.11.2019	Mining Tax and Road Tax	Tax Code of AR, Chapters 15 and 16;
11	26.11.2019	Group Practice	
12	03.12.2019	PSA and HGA taxation regimes	ACG PSA, Article 12 Taxation
13	10.12.2019	QUIZ 2	
14	17.12.2019	Transfer Pricing in Tax	Tax Code of AR, Chapters 1; OECD Transfer Pricing Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Tax Administrations, Chapters 1 and 2
15	24.12.2019	Review session	
16	To be announced	Final Exam	