

Identification	Subject (Code, title, credits)	ACC 490 Taxation - 3KU credits (6ECTS)
	Department	Economics and Management
	Program type	Undergraduate
	Term	Fall, 2025
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	Classroom/hours	18:30 -21:00
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Prerequisites	ACC 310 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. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Vergi Məcəlləsi (2025) (The Tax Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan) https://e-qanun.az/framework/46948 <p><i>Supplementary materials to the Tax code:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Əmək Məcəlləsi (2025) https://e-qanun.az/framework/46943 3. İcbari sığortalar haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu (2025) https://e-qanun.az/framework/22228 4. İşsizlikdən sığorta haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu (2025) https://e-qanun.az/framework/36310 5. Sosial sığorta haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu (2025) https://e-qanun.az/framework/3813 6. Transfer qiymətlərinin müəyyən edilməsi və tətbiqi qaydaları https://e-qanun.az/framework/35074 7. Double Tax Treaties between AR and other countries, https://www.taxes.gov.az/az/page/ikiqat-vergitutmanin-aradan-qaldirilmasina-dair-beynelxalq-sazisler (“DTT”) 8. Taxation clause of Production Share Agreements and Host Government Agreements in Azerbaijan 9. PSAs’ Tax Protocol on Corporate profit taxes, https://www.taxes.gov.az/az/page/hasilatin-pay-bolgusu-haqqinda-sazise-dair-protokollar-psa (“PSA Protocols”) <p><i>Supplementary materials and course materials:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Alan Melville (2021), Taxation: Finance Act 2020, 26th edition, Pearson Education Limited (“TFA2020”) 11. Emile Woolf International (2020), ACCA Taxation (TX-UK) (“ACCA Taxation”) 12. Dieter Endres & Christoph Spengel (2015), International Company Taxation and Tax Planning, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business (“ICT&TP”) 13. OECD (2017 edition), Transfer Pricing Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Tax 	

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Course outline	<p>This course provides a comprehensive framework for understanding the foundations of taxation, key principles, potential tax planning opportunities, and international aspects of tax strategy.</p> <p>Students will gain core knowledge of the underlying principles of various taxes, with a primary focus on the Azerbaijani tax system. The course will cover most tax types applicable in Azerbaijan for both corporations and individuals, including income tax from employment and non-employment income, corporate income tax, insurance contributions for employers and employees, value-added tax, and other liabilities.</p> <p>In addition, the course will introduce relevant tax practices, procedures, and legal frameworks, enabling students to understand how taxation affects business operations both locally and globally. The introductory section will examine the rationale behind tax systems, their functions, and the role of taxation in economic and business decision-making.</p>
Course objectives	<p>Generic Objectives of the Course:</p> <p>This course aims to equip students with both a solid theoretical foundation and practical knowledge of taxation and its procedures. It focuses on the taxes applied in Azerbaijan, the core principles embedded in national legislation, and selected international taxation concepts. By the end of the course, students will be able to identify, interpret, and analyze taxation issues that influence business and financial decision-making.</p> <p>Specific Objectives of the Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the fundamental principles of taxation for individuals and businesses. • Compare the Azerbaijani tax system with key international taxation principles. • Examine the main tax regimes and applicable taxes in Azerbaijan. • Develop critical thinking skills for evaluating tax matters and strategies. • Build practical competencies by working with Excel and examples from the official tax portal to understand real-world tax compliance processes.

Learning outcomes		By the end of this course, students will be able to: Generic Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand the fundamental principles of taxation for individuals and businesses.Evaluate the impact of taxation on business operations and decision-making.Demonstrate knowledge of the core elements of the Azerbaijani tax system.Explain key international taxation principles and recent developments in addressing tax avoidance and evasion. Specific Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify, analyze, and resolve various tax issues using well-reasoned approaches.Critically assess current tax reform proposals and their potential implications.Apply analytical skills to practical tax problems, including those involving calculations and compliance requirements.Conduct targeted research on specific taxes within a given jurisdiction.Use Excel and examples from the official tax portal to simulate real-world tax compliance tasks.		
Teaching methods		Lecture	✓	
		Group discussion	✓	
		Case analysis	✓	
Evaluation		Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
		Midterm Exam	TBA	30
		Activity		5
		Attendance		5
		Quiz		10
		Group Practice		10
		Final Exam	TBA	40
		Total		100
Policy		Students are expected to attend all classes to follow lectures effectively. Active participation in class discussions through answering questions, asking relevant questions, and sharing insights will contribute to the participation score. A quiz will be conducted to assess understanding of the topics covered, focusing on both theoretical and numerical aspects. Questions will be mainly open-ended to evaluate conceptual knowledge and critical thinking. Group practice will involve case analysis to assess students’ ability to apply taxation concepts such as tax base determination, applicable rates, exemptions, and tax calculation mechanisms in different jurisdictions		
Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Reading notes	
1		Introduction / General Principles of Taxation General taxation principles in the Taxation System in Azerbaijan	ICT&TP - Chapter 1 Taxation of Income, Wealth and Consumption; TFA2020 – Chapter Introduction to the UK tax system; OECD guidelines; and Tax Code of Azerbaijan (TCA)	

2		Personal Income Tax (PIT) Taxation of Individuals – general principles, Taxation of individuals in Azerbaijan – PIT and Social Insurance Contributions (1)	ICT&TP – 2. Taxation of Individuals (Personal Income Tax); TFA2020 – 2. Introduction to income tax Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1,2,3,4,5, 7,9
3		Personal Income Tax (PIT) Taxation of individuals in Azerbaijan – PIT and Social Insurance Contributions (2)/ QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1,2,3,4,5, 7,9
4		Corporate Income Tax Corporate Income Tax principles; Corporate Income Tax in Azerbaijan; Corporate Income Tax reporting and compliance requirements Practice session	ICT&TP – Chapter 3. Taxation Of Business Profits; TFA2020 – Part3. Corporation Tax, Chapters 23, 24 Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 7, 8, 9
5		Corporate Income Tax Corporate Income Tax reporting and compliance requirements / QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 7, 8, 9
6		Value Added Tax VAT Principals Value Added Tax in Azerbaijan (1)	ICT&TP – Chapter 6. Value-added tax ; International VAT/GST Guidelines – Chapter 1., Chapter 2 (para A., B., C.)
7		Value Added Tax in Azerbaijan (2)/ QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 7, 8, 9
8		Withholding Tax WHT Principals WHT in Azerbaijan / QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 7, 8, 9

9		Mid-term Exam	
10		Property and Land Tax Group practice (10%)	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 7, 8, 9
11		Production Sharing Agreement and Host Government Agreements / QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 7, 8, 9
12		Transfer Pricing concept and methods / QUIZ	OECD TP Guide – Chapter I (pp. 33-38), Chapter II (pp.97-118, 133-135; TFA2020 – Chapter 32; Refer to Required textbooks and course materials 1, 6
13		Other Taxes Excise tax, Simplified taxm, Mining Tax/ QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials; 1
14		Tax administration Tax audit, penalties, and other administrative procedures/ QUIZ	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials; 1
15		Tax accounting, Deffered Tax principle. Review class	Refer to Required textbooks and course materials; 1
16		Final Exam	