



**Acct 3325: Individual Income Tax: Income Tax I**  
**Spring 2025: T/Th: 2:00pm – 3:20pm**  
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**Office Hours:**

Mondays: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Tuesdays: 10:50 – 11:20am and 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 10:00am – 11:00am and 2:00pm – 4:00 pm

Thursdays: 3:30pm – 4:00 pm

You can also schedule a Zoom appointment. Just send me an email and let's find the time that works for both of us! Please use Zoom vs. in-office if you are feeling ill, or have allergies (sneezing, coughing, etc.)

Zoom Login: See Canvas for login and password

**Preferred means of communication:**

All communication should be via email or face to face in Zoom. I monitor my email very frequently and should, in most cases, be able to respond within 24 hours M-F and within 48 hours on the weekend. I do take Sundays as a personal day of rest and rarely check email.



Jenn's Java House: Students often hang around after class to ask questions that may not apply specifically to this course like internship advice, questions about their major, questions about how to study, even just to complain about a roommate! I'll have specific "coffee hours" at pre-determined times throughout the semester where you can just show up and ask anything! (Of course, they closed our coffee shop in Soules so you'll have to bring your own coffee!)

**Catalog Description**

An introduction to the U.S. federal income tax system. Topics include taxation of individuals, reporting requirements of tax-exempt entities, the management of data and technology in the tax function, and tax research fundamentals.

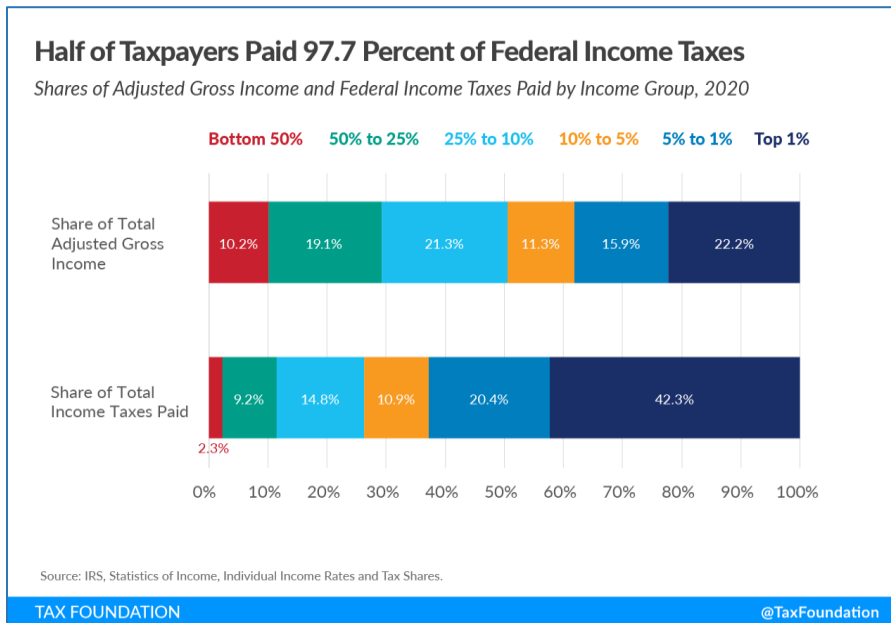
**Prerequisite:** ACCT 2301 and Acct 3311 (earning a C or better) 3 credit hours.

**Required Course Materials:**

- **Southwestern Federal Taxation 2025: Individual Income Taxes** Young, Nellen. **WITH CNOW Card/access.** See the Intro Video in Canvas for the requirements. Cengage Unlimited is the cheapest option. The UT Tyler bookstore does not have this so you'll need to order directly from Cengage (which is 30% cheaper than the bookstore!)
- **Basic 4 function calculator**
- **4 Scantron Form 882.**
- You may not use a cell phone or a programmable calculator. You are required to bring your book, tax forms, and calculator to every class.
- **Reliable internet access** to complete online assignments. Students are always welcome to come to campus to use computers in the computer lab and internet.

# Why is knowledge of taxation important? Who pays taxes?

In 2020, the bottom half of taxpayers earned 10.2% of total AGI and paid 2.3% of all federal individual income taxes.



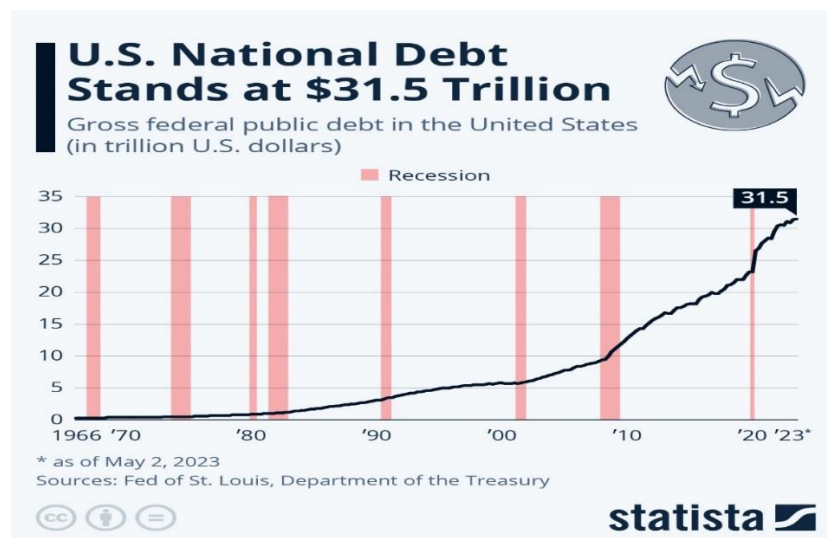
The top 1% earned 22.2% of total AGI and paid 42.3% of all federal income taxes.

In all, the top 1% of taxpayers accounted for more income taxes paid than the bottom 90% combined. The top 1% of taxpayers paid \$723 billion in income taxes while the bottom 90% paid \$450 billion.

[Tax Foundation](https://www.taxfoundation.org)

Take a look at our current debt in the U.S. When the government spends more money than it takes in from taxes, it results in debt that must be repaid with more taxes.

## [U.S. National Debt Clock: Real Time](#)



## Course Objectives

1. Students will explain the nature of taxation, the types of taxes and rate structures.
2. Students will describe the concept of taxable income and compute the effect thereon from accounting methods, elections, and tax law.
3. Students will differentiate the concepts of gross income, adjusted gross income, and taxable income for individual taxpayers and calculate individual taxes from the tax rate schedules.
4. Students will differentiate between capital gain income and other types of income, including the carry over rules for capital losses.
5. Students explain the various categories of deductions and losses and apply tax planning strategies to maximize the overall deduction for taxpayers.
6. Students will use the concept of tax basis to calculate gain or loss realized and recognized on various tax deferral situations with long-lived assets such as Section 1031 exchanges, casualties, and involuntary conversions.
7. Students will utilize critical thinking skills to solve tax problems and communicate the solutions.
8. Students will use AI to solve tax problems and communicate the solutions.
9. Students will prepare Federal individual tax returns both manually and using tax preparation software.

## Set Your Goals



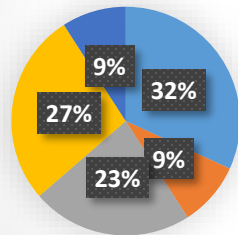
What are your goals for this course (other than to complete your degree plan)? You are almost at the end of your degree if you are enrolled in this course, so what are you hoping to take away from this course? How can this course help better prepare you for your career? What level of effort are your prepared to exert to achieve those goals? List 3 goals you have:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## How to be Successful in this Course

Consider the goals you have for engaging in this course as you determine how to allocate time to complete course requirements. The general rule of thumb is that students should spend 2-3 hours of study time for each hour of class time. That translates to 10 to 12 hours per week for this course. The chart below is a visual representation of how your time might be spent followed by an example weekly schedule.

### Module Time (based on 12 hours per week)



- Read the chapter
- Work chapter/note problems
- Cengage Homework
- Work extra problems
- Work on tax returns/projects

## Example Weekly Schedule

Day	Task
Monday	Read chapter, take notes, (about 3 hours)
Tuesday/Wednesday	Work problems (1 hour), attend class (1.5 hour)
Thursday-Saturday	Attend class. Complete homework and work any extra problems given. (2.5 hours)
Friday - Sunday	Review notes, work problems (2 hours)

Students often ask me HOW they should study for an accounting/tax exam. Everyone learns differently but two constant pieces of advice I give are to work more problems, and to explain what you've learned to someone else (another student, your spouse, your cat, etc!)



**"If you want to learn something, read about it. If you want to understand something, write about it. If you want to master something, **teach** it."**

— Yogi Bhaajan

## Evaluation

**Good news!** EVERYONE is capable of and CAN earn an A in this course! Below are the point requirements to achieve the grade you desire:

Assignment	Points	Accumulated Points	Grade
Tax Return #1	10	>=900	A
Tax Return #2	15	800-899.5	B
Tax Return #3	15	700-799.5	C
Assignment	20	600-699.5	D
In-class quiz average	60	<600	F
Attendance, being on time & participation points	35		
Homework Avg	75		
Exam 1	190		
Exam 2	190		
Exam 3	190		
Exam 4 (Comp. final)	200		

### Important Information!

As discussed in class, fully completing work in a timely manner is imperative for those seeking a career in accounting or any business field. **As such, makeup work will not be accepted unless there is a documented, verifiable emergency.**

In the case of a school-excused absence, students are required to let the professor know of the absence by the second week of classes so that a make-up time can be arranged. Make up exams will be made up in Mrs. Reynolds' office before other students in the class take the exam when possible. Otherwise the exam must be taken before the next class in which the student can attend. Other assignments will remain due on their due date as the student has access to the assignments ahead of time and the schedule is available from the first day of the semester for planning purposes. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have internet access to complete online assignments when off campus.

One quiz grade will be dropped, and one homework grade will be dropped. Therefore, no extension or makeup assignment will be granted in case of emergency, illness, etc. – the assignment will just be dropped.

EXAMS: During exams, all personal belongings must be stored out of sight and out of reach, including cell phones and headphones. Students may not leave an exam to use the restroom. If a restroom break is necessary, the student will need to retake the exam in Mrs. Reynolds' office before the next class meeting.

Students may not wear air pods or earbuds of any kind during an exam.

Students may not touch your phone or any additional materials during an exam. If you do, you will receive a 0 and be referred to the academic dishonesty department.

CLASS ABSENCES: The student is responsible for all information covered during any class in which the student was not present. Class notes are always available in Canvas. I do not have time to "re-teach" classes that students miss as I have many students who miss each week so please take time to get to know your neighbor for help with what you missed.

## Class Schedule for ACCT 3325 Spring 2025

I try to be thoughtful about the work I assign and do not assign busy work. However, accounting/tax is a “practice” and is best learned by practicing!

Some assignments are passed out in class. It is the student’s responsibility to be in class to receive the assignment or come to the next available office hours to retrieve the assignment if the student is not present in class.

NOTE: Due dates and assignments are subject to change by the professor.

**Exams** **Homework** **Tax Returns** **Quiz**

<b>Acct 3325 Spring 2025 Schedule</b>				
<u>Week</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>Ch 3</u>
Module 1: Intro: What all is included in gross income and what is excluded?				
1	Mon	13-Jan		Watch intro video in Canvas before class
	Tues	14-Jan		Ch 1: Intro to taxation
	Tues	14-Jan		Ch 1 quiz in Canvas (there is a reminder video in the ch. 1 Canvas module of a payroll problem in case you need refreshing!)
	Wed	15-Jan	1	Ch 1 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	16-Jan		Ch 3: Tax Formula & Determination
	Fri	17-Jan		Syllabus quiz due in Canvas
2	Tues	21-Jan		Ch 3 continued
	Tues	21-Jan		Ch 3 quiz due in class
	Wed	22-Jan	2,3	Ch 3 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	23-Jan		Ch 4 quiz due in Canvas
	Thurs	23-Jan		Ch 4: Gross income inclusions
	Sat	25-Jan		Ch 4 HW due in Cengage
3	Tues	28-Jan		Ch 4 continued (pass out T/R #1 in class)
	Thurs	30-Jan		Ch 5 quiz due in class
	Thurs	30-Jan		Ch 5 Gross Income: Exclusions
	Sat	1-Feb		Ch 5 HW due in Cengage
4	Tues	4-Feb		Ch 5 continued
	Tues	4-Feb		Tax Return #1 due at beginning of class (before class begins.) No late assignments are accepted.
	Tues	4-Feb		Ch 5 HW due in Cengage

Module 2: Deductions and Losses				
	Thurs	6-Feb		EXAM 1 (Ch 1, 3, 4, 5)
	Fri	7-Feb		IRS Criminal Investigation Event.
5	Tues	11-Feb		Ch 6: Deductions and Losses in general
	Tues	11-Feb	5	Ch 6 Quiz due in class
	Thurs	13-Feb		Ch 6 continued
	Sat	15-Feb		Ch 6 HW due in Cengage
6	Tues	18-Feb		Ch 10: Itemized Deductions
	Tues	18-Feb		Ch 10 quiz due in class
	Thurs	20-Feb		Ch 10 cont. (pass out T/R 2 instructions)
	Sat	22-Feb		Ch 10 HW due in Cengage
7	Tues	25-Feb		Ch 7 Business expenses & losses
	Tues	25-Feb		Ch 7 Quiz due in Canvas by 11:59pm
	Wed	26-Feb		Ch 7 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	27-Feb		Ch 9 EE & SE business expenses
	Thurs	27-Feb		T/R 2 due at beginning of class
	Fri	28-Feb		Ch 9 quiz due in Canvas by 11:59
8	Tues	4-Mar		Ch 9, Cont.
	Tues	4-Mar		Ch 9 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	6-Mar		Exam 2 (ch 6, 10, 7, 9)
Module 3: Depreciation (deduction), investor losses, credits and acct. periods				
9	Mon	10-Mar		Review depreciation info in Canvas
	Tues	11-Mar		Ch 8: Cost Recovery
	Tues	12-Mar		Ch 8 quiz due in class
	Thurs	13-Mar		Ch 8 cont.
	Sat	15-Mar		Ch 8 HW due in Cengage
10	17-Mar	21-Mar		SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES!
11	Tues	25-Mar		Ch 11 Investor Losses
	Tues	25-Mar		Ch 11 quiz due in class
	Thurs	27-Mar	4,5	Ch 11, Cont.
	Sat	29-Mar		Ch 11 HW due in Cengage



12	Mon	31-Mar		Last day to withdraw from course
	Tues	1-Apr		Ch 13: Tax credits
	Tues	1-Apr		Ch 13 quiz due in Canvas
	Wed	2-Apr		Ch 13 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	3-Apr		Ch 18 Accounting Periods
	Sat	5-Apr		Ch 18 HW due in Cengage
Module 3 (Property Transactions ch 14, 15, 16, 17)				
13	Tues	8-Apr		Exam 3 (Ch 8, 11, 13, 18)
	Thurs	10-Apr		Ch 14: Property Transactions
	Thurs	10-Apr		Ch 14 quiz in Canvas by 11:59 pm
Module 4: Property transactions				
14	Tues	15-Apr	6	Ch 14 & start Ch 15: Nontaxable Exchanges (pass out T/R #3 instructions)
	Wed	16-Apr		Ch 14 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	17-Apr		Ch 15 nontaxable exchanges
	Thurs	17-Apr		Ch 15 quiz due in class
	Sat	19-Apr	6	Ch 15 HW due in Cengage
15	Tues	22-Apr		Ch 16: CG & CL
	Tues	22-Apr		Ch 16 quiz due in class
	Wed	23-Apr	6	Ch 16 HW due in Cengage
	Thurs	23-Apr		Tax Return #3 due
	Thurs	24-Apr		Complete all material
16	Week of 4/28-5/2			Final Exam covers chapters 14, 15 & 16 and COMPREHENSIVE questions.
				Final exam date and time TBA by UT Tyler

Commitment to an inclusive learning environment: I adhere to a philosophy of an intellectual community that is enriched and enhanced by diversity along a number of dimensions, including race, ethnicity and national origins, gender, sexuality, class and religion. I am especially committed to increasing the representation of those populations that have been historically excluded from participation in U.S. higher education and specifically, the field of accounting. Your experience in this class is important to me. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally or for other students or student groups.

### **Syllabus Policy**

Required AI Syllabus Language: UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course (see below) is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy. For this course, AI is encouraged during the course, and appropriate acknowledgment is expected. Students can use AI platforms to help prepare for assignments and projects. You can use AI tools to revise and edit your work (e.g., identify flaws in reasoning, spot confusing or underdeveloped paragraphs, or correct citations). When submitting work, students must identify any writing, text, or media generated by AI. In this course, sections of assignments generated by AI should appear in a different colored font, and the relationship between those sections and student contributions should be discussed in a cover letter that accompanies the assignment when submitted.

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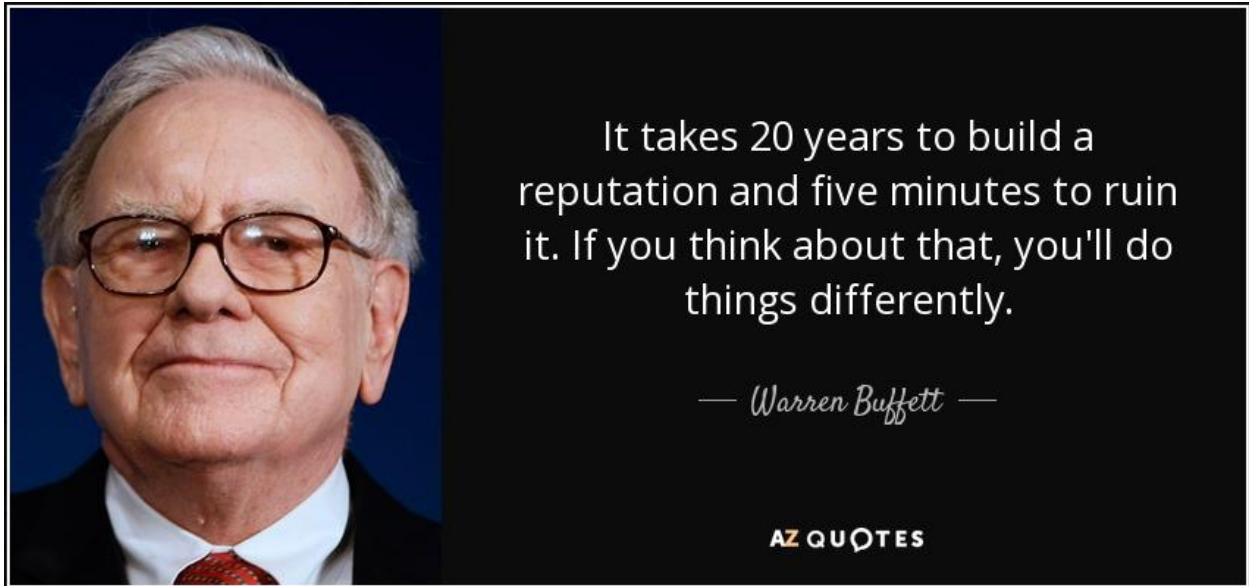
### **Recording of Class Sessions**

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

### **Links to the UT Tyler Writing Center and to the Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL).**

Students are encouraged to use the resources for instruction on grammar, punctuation, style, formatting and citation. [www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/](http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/)  
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl>

Cheating is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices or communication during an academic exercise. If you have specific questions about what constitutes cheating, please ask! Students may be subject to an F on an assignment, or the entire course, and reported to academic affairs if caught cheating.



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