**ACC 221 – Intermediate Accounting I**

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**Course Description**

Covers accounting principles and theory, including a review of the accounting cycle and accounting for current assets, current liabilities and investments. Introduces various accounting approaches and demonstrates the effect of these approaches on the financial statement users.

Prerequisite: ACC 212

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture: 3 hours Total: 3 hours per week.

**Course Objectives** (Core Competencies)

☐ **Civic Engagement** is the ability to contribute to the civic life and well-being of local, national, and global communities as both as social responsibility and a life-long process. Degree graduates will demonstrate the knowledge and civic values necessary to become informed and contributing participants in a democratic society.

☒ **Critical Thinking** is the ability to use information, ideas, and arguments from relevant perspectives to make sense of complex issues and solve problems. Degree graduates will locate, evaluate, interpret, and combine information to reach well-reasoned conclusions and solutions.

☒ **Professional Readiness** is the ability to work well with others and display situationally and culturally appropriate demeanor and behavior. Degree graduates will demonstrate skills important for successful transition into the workplace and pursuit of further education.

☒ **Quantitative Literacy** is the ability to perform accurate calculations, interpret quantitative information, apply and analyze relevant numerical data, and use results to support conclusions. Degree graduates will calculate, interpret, and use numerical and quantitative information in a variety of settings.

☐ **Scientific Literacy** is the ability to apply the scientific method and related concepts and principles to make informed decisions and engage with issues related to the natural, physical, and social world. Degree graduates will recognize and know how to use the scientific method, and to evaluate empirical information.

☒ **Written Communication** is the ability to develop, convey, and exchange ideas in writing, as appropriate to a given context and audience. Degree graduates will express themselves effectively in a variety of written forms.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

After completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and International
2. Accounting Reporting Standards (IFRS) that apply to financial accounting and reporting.
3. Utilize the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) online research
4. system.
5. Discuss the theory that supports GAAP/IFRS.
6. Prepare corporate financial statements by applying accounting principles, practices, and procedures.
7. Demonstrate comprehension in reading corporate financial statements and footnotes.
8. Perform basic financial statement analysis.
9. Explain the time value of money concept as it applies to financial accounting and reporting.
10. Explain general aspects of business operations, including the role of accounting and its limitations.
11. Utilize analytical skills, critical thinking abilities, written communication skills, and interpersonal skills.
12. Progress toward the successful completion of various professional examinations.

**Major Topics to be Included**

Throughout the course, the instructor will present material on but not limited to:

- The Income Tax Formula and the Form 1040
- Expanded Tax Formula
- Gross Income: Inclusions and Exclusions
- Adjustments for Adjusted Gross Income
- Itemized Deductions
- Self-Employed Business Income
- Capital Gains and Other Sales of Property
- Rental Property, Royalties, and Income from Flow-Through Entities
- Tax Credits
- Payroll Taxes

- Retirement and Other Tax-Deferred Plans and Annuities
- Special Property Transactions
- At-Risk Passive Activity Loss Rules and the Individual Alternative Minimum Tax
- Partnership Taxation
- Corporate Taxation

**Assessment Types Used in the Course**

- Tests
- Homework
- Tax Return Projects