

**Sul Ross State University
Rio Grande College of Business
Principles of Taxation
ACCA 4330.201
11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - MTWTh
Fall 2026 – MAB 301**

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Office Hours:

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Other appointment times will be available by appointment. Please arrange appointments with the professor.

Required Course Materials:

Fundamental of Taxation (17th edition) by Ana Cruz
McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 9781265676988

CONNECT ACCESS CODE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COURSE HOMEWORK AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS.

If you are a part of the Sully Shelf Program through the campus bookstore, you were charged a fee in your tuition and all required course materials should be available to you. If you opted out of this program, you will need to purchase the book through the SRSU bookstore or directly through the publishers.

Course Grading

BB Homework & Discussions	40%
Comprehension Opportunities (Exams)	30%
Comprehensive Tax Return Problem	15%
Discussions	10%
Attendance	5%
Total	100%

Your grade will be based on the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	69% or below

Course Description:

This is a face-to-face course that will take place over the normal course of the Fall 2026. There will be approximately 8 weeks in this course. We will cover 13 chapters and tax topics throughout the course. This will be a fast paced course. Assignments will be completed in Blackboard and in class. Please see the “Assignments” section of the syllabus and the course schedule.

In addition, there will be three normal Comprehension Opportunities (exams) throughout the course that will test the knowledge that you have gained. There will be a comprehensive tax return problem, that will serve as a course project.

In this course we will cover the fundamentals of federal taxation. We will focus on taxation principles for individual federal tax returns. The course will cover the general taxation system that our government has in place for individual people. We will cover different types of taxes that individuals are subject to, to include income taxes, self-employment taxes, and net investment income taxes. During our study of fundamentals of federal taxation, we will become familiar with Internal Revenue Service forms, such as, the Form 1040 and several of its’ supporting schedules.

Department of Business Administration BBA Student Learning Outcomes

SLO 1 – Students will be able to analyze and solve business problems across major business functions, using fundamental business principles and strategies.

SLO 2 – Students will be able to communicate about contemporary business-related topics.

SLO 3 – Students will be able to comprehend the impact of ethical and social responsibility in business

Department of Business Administration BBA Marketable Skills

Marketable Skill 1 - Students will have the ability to apply the principles of business they learn to the management of existing businesses or the creation of new businesses.

Marketable Skill 2 - Students will have the ability to use research and analysis to make informed decisions.

Marketable Skill 3 - Students will have the ability to write business letters, emails, resumes and reports.

Marketable Skill 4 - Students will have the ability to make effective oral presentations to both professional and general audiences.

SRSU Accessibility Services

Alpine Campus

SRSU Accessibility Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. To help protect confidentiality, students seeking accessibility/accommodation(s) services must submit the Accommodation Request Form located on our website. Students are welcome to call the Office of Accessibility Services at 432-837-8203 or stop by Ferguson Hall Room 112 if they have any additional questions regarding the process. Our mailing address is PO Box C-122; Alpine, TX; 79832.

Counseling

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare where all SR students will have access to nine free counseling sessions. You can learn more about this 24/7/365 support by visiting [Timelycare/SRSU](#). The SR Counseling and Accessibility Services office will continue to offer in-person counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 (Alpine campus), and telehealth Zoom sessions for remote students and Sul Ross State University International students.

Required Student Responsibilities Statement

All full-time and part-time students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the [Student Handbook](#) and the [Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog](#) and for abiding by the [University rules and regulations](#). Additionally, students are responsible for checking their Sul Ross email as an official form of communication from the university. Every student is expected to obey all

federal, state and local laws and is expected to familiarize themselves with the requirements of such laws.

Distance Education

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires a secure login. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

Libraries

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library and Archives of the Big Bend in Alpine offer FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu/. Off-campus access requires logging in with your LoboID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about the TexShare program by visiting library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/ or ask a librarian by emailing srsulibrary@sulross.edu.

Mike Fernandez, SRSU Librarian, is based in Eagle Pass (Building D-129) to offer specialized library services to students, faculty, and staff. Utilize free services such as InterLibrary Loan (ILL), ScanIt, and Direct Mail to get materials delivered to you at home or via email.

Academic Honesty Policy

The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner beyond reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. The University may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

Academic Dishonesty includes:

1. Copying from another student's test paper, laboratory report, other report, or computer files, data listings, and/or programs, or allowing another student to copy from same.
2. Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test.

3. Collaborating, without authorization, with another person during an examination or in preparing academic work.
4. Knowingly, and without authorization, using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, soliciting, copying, or possessing, in whole or in part, the contents of a non-administered test.
5. Substituting for another student; permitting any other person, or otherwise assisting any other person to substitute for oneself or for another student in the taking of an examination or test or the preparation of academic work to be submitted for academic credit.
6. Bribing another person to obtain a non-administered test or information about a non-administered test.
7. Purchasing or otherwise acquiring and submitting as one's own work any research paper or other writing assignment prepared by an individual or firm. This section does not apply to the typing of a rough and/or final version of an assignment by a professional typist.
8. "Plagiarism" means the appropriation and the unacknowledged incorporation of another's work or idea in one's own written work offered for credit.
9. "Collusion" means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit.
10. "Abuse of research materials" means the mutilation, destruction, concealment, theft, or alteration of materials provided to assist students in the mastery of course materials.
11. "Academic work" means the preparation of an essay, dissertation, thesis, report, problem, assignment, or other project that the student submits as a course requirement or for a grade.
12. "Falsification of Data" means the representation, claim, or use of research, data, statistics, records, files, results, or information that is falsified, fabricated, fraudulently altered, or otherwise misappropriated or misrepresented.

All academic dishonesty cases may be first considered and reviewed by the faculty member. If the faculty member believes that an academic penalty is necessary, he/she may assign a penalty, but must notify the student of his/her right to appeal to the department chair, the College Dean, and eventually to the Graduate Dean before the imposition of the penalty. At each step in the process, the student shall be entitled to written notice of the offense and/or the administrative decision, an opportunity to respond, and an impartial disposition as to the merits of his/her case. The decision of the Graduate Dean shall be final.

In the case of flagrant or repeated violations, the Graduate Dean may refer the matter to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action. No disciplinary action shall become effective against the student until the student has received procedural due process except as provided under Interim Disciplinary Action.

Academic Integrity

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Students should submit work that is their own and avoid the temptation to engage in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as turning in work as

original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden. Students should also avoid using open AI sources *unless permission is expressly given* for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

Use of Generative AI in Course

The University does not recommend or endorse any specific AI tools or resources. Students should be aware that many generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Microsoft Copilot) store user input and may use this data to train future models. For this reason, students should never upload or share personal, confidential, or identifiable information—such as names, ID numbers, health data, or assignment submissions containing such details—into any generative AI platform. When using AI tools, students should verify whether the tool complies with student privacy standards as indicated by the University. Faculty may recommend specific tools that better align with institutional data privacy policies, but ultimate responsibility for data protection rests with users. Students are encouraged to use faculty-recommended platforms when engaging in coursework involving generative AI. The University is not liable for any adverse experience or impact when students interact with these tools.

In this Course:

The emergence of generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT and DALL-E) has sparked interest among many students in our discipline. The use of these tools for brainstorming ideas, exploring possible responses to questions or problems, and creative engagement with the materials may be useful for you as you craft responses to class assignments. While there is no substitute for working directly with your instructor, the potential for generative AI tools to provide automatic feedback, assistive technology and language assistance is clearly developing. *Please feel free to reach out to me well in advance of the due date of assignments for which you may be using generative AI tools, and I will be happy to discuss what is acceptable.*

In this course, students shall give credit to AI tools whenever used, even if only to generate ideas rather than usable text or illustrations. When using AI tools on assignments, add an appendix showing (a) the entire exchange, highlighting the most relevant sections; (b) a description of precisely which AI tools were used (e.g. ChatGPT private subscription version or DALL-E free version), (c) an explanation of how the AI tools were used (e.g. to generate ideas, turns of phrase, elements of text, long stretches of text, lines of argument, pieces of evidence, maps of the conceptual territory, illustrations of key concepts, etc.); (d) an account of why AI tools were used (e.g. to save time, to surmount writer's block, to stimulate thinking, to handle mounting stress, to clarify prose, to translate text, to experiment for fun, etc.). Students shall not use AI tools during in-class examinations, or assignments unless explicitly permitted and instructed. Overall, AI tools should be used wisely and reflectively with an aim to deepen understanding of subject matter.

Classroom Climate of Respect

Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still, we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Additional Detailed Information For You:

Attendance

This course is a face-to-face course. We will meet in person for classes. You are responsible for attendance to the course, which is mandatory. If you will be out for a school function, it is your responsibility to communicate this with your professor BEFORE the absence. You will be responsible for the lectures and information given to you during the class time. Again, attendance *is mandatory* and will be a part of your grade.

The class is a 75-minute class. If you arrive to class more than 25 minutes late, you will be counted absent. I would still suggest that you show up, so that you are not behind in the lectures. However, it is important to be punctual and in class on time. Announcements and reminders will likely be given at the beginning of the class. In addition, missing too much of a lecture could set you behind.

There will be times when class activities and/or pop quizzes take place during class. You are eligible to make these activities and/or pop quizzes up at a later date, if the absence is excused.

PowerPoint lectures and other information will be posted on Blackboard for your convenience, as well. You are responsible for viewing/reading class materials that are posted on Blackboard. You are responsible for the topics covered and the due dates.

Classroom Etiquette & Cell Phone/Laptop Policy

We will be participating in discussions and interacting with each other throughout this course. It is important for all students to be respectful and kind to one another, regardless of any differences. The course requires respect to be shown, always.

Cell phone and laptop usage should be limited. The professor reserves the right to change this to **zero usage**, if their usage is not limited and the classroom environment is not respected. Limited use means that you should only be on these devices to access course materials, and/or to take notes. Any evidence of using these devices for other course work, videos, music etc. will result in a ban on these devices in the classroom unless specifically being used for an activity, with express permission given. Be respectful of your time and your professor's time.

Headphones and ear buds are NOT to be worn at any time during class.

Assignments

Assignments will **not** be accepted late. There will usually be two types of homework assignments per chapter. There will be Blackboard assignments for each chapter. These assignments will be due on **Friday evenings at 10 p.m.** They will open on the Saturday before at midnight, so you will have a full week to complete the assignments. If there are extenuating circumstances that keep you from completing the assignments, please let the instructor know **BEFORE** the due date. You will be given seven days to complete the online assignments, so there should be plenty of time to let the professor know of your situation or to complete the assignments. Be responsible with your time. There will also be in class activities for every chapter. These activities will be tax return problems out of the text that will allow for students to become accustomed to federal taxation forms given different tax scenarios. There will also be class discussions via Blackboard. These discussions will be a combination of topics that are both accounting and non-accounting related. The discussions will be used to strengthen your communication skills and get to know your fellow students and professor more. They will also be used to measure your comprehension of accounting topics discussed in class.

Comprehensive Tax Return Problem

This will be a comprehensive tax return problem that you will complete as a project in this course. The goal of this tax problem will be to complete the necessary federal taxation forms needed for a tax scenario, which will include a comprehensive set of topics covered in the course. This is NOT a group project, and must be worked on individually. Any sign that this project is worked on in a group, will result in a "0" on the project, which is worth 15% of your grade. The comprehensive tax problem will be a project that is worked on outside of the classroom. See the course schedule for the due date.

Comprehension Opportunities (Exams)

There will be three Comprehension Opportunities throughout the session. The Opportunities have due dates listed on the course schedule. This is the date that the Opportunity is due. The Opportunities will be taken online through Blackboard. They will be open for two days, starting the day before it's due on the course schedule at midnight and will end on the scheduled due date at 10 p.m. See the course schedule for the due dates. If you are going to miss a Comprehension Opportunity, please notify the professor as early as possible. We can work together to schedule a time to take the Opportunity. If you have a family or medical emergency, please discuss it with your professor as soon as possible.