

**School of Accountancy
Teaching and Learning Goals
Course-Embedded Assessment Learning Form**

Course Name: Tax Topics

Course # ACCT 6460

Section # 001

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Enrollment 12

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Program Goal: Professional Knowledge Category -- Each student will demonstrate an understanding of the setting up of and regulatory compliance for small businesses, including startup companies. This program goal fits into the Entrepreneurial Spirit category of the Huntsman School of Business Vision.

Learning Outcome Objective # 1: Each student will demonstrate knowledge of setting up a business and meeting regulatory compliance requirements by completing a questionnaire with at least 70% accuracy.

Learning Activities	Assessment Methods / Criteria	Student Performance								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student presentations on various aspects of starting a business, entity selection, tax and regulatory compliance, and related topics. • Instructor lectures/discussions on various topics related to the student presentations. 	<p>Methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A take-home questionnaire will be completed after the learning activities are finished. <p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to questionnaire items will be graded/evaluated and each student will be given an overall score for the questionnaire. A minimum score of 70% will be required. 	<p>Goal: 70% of all students will satisfactorily meet the assessment criteria.</p> <p>Actual Performance for 11 students (11 of 12 enrolled) who completed the questionnaire (average score of 93.8%):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="982 808 1429 913"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="982 808 1120 871"># Students (Total)</th> <th data-bbox="1120 808 1274 871"># Meeting Expectation</th> <th data-bbox="1274 808 1429 871"># Not Meeting Expectation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="982 871 1120 913" style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td data-bbox="1120 871 1274 913" style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td data-bbox="1274 871 1429 913" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			# Students (Total)	# Meeting Expectation	# Not Meeting Expectation	11	11	0
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Analysis and Recommendations: How might the above learning activities be improved to raise student performance levels? How might you change outcome objectives and/or assessment methods based on the above results? Other observations and/or recommendations?

The average score of 93.8% was good, but only 73% of the students answered 3 of the 25 questions correctly. Learning activities related to those three topics can be modified to increase student understanding. A case study might also be added. Since the scores were high, perhaps more challenging questions can be added.

Embedded Assessment Questionnaire Results							
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Question Number	Question Category	Correct or Acceptable Responses*	Incorrect or Unacceptable Responses	Total Responses	% Correct or Acceptable	No Response	Total Students
1	Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
2	Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
3	Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
4	Business Name Selection/Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
5	Business Name Selection/Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
6	State Registration/Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
7	Business Plan Assistance/Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
8	Financing Sources/Information Sources	11	0	11	100%	1	12
9	Business License	10	1	11	91%	1	12
10	Federal Income Taxes/Entity Selection	11	0	11	100%	1	12
11	Federal Income Taxes/Entity Selection	10	1	11	91%	1	12
12	Federal Income Taxes/Entity Selection	11	0	11	100%	1	12
13	Business Liability Protection	11	0	11	100%	1	12
14	Titling of Assets	10	1	11	91%	1	12
15	Titling of Assets	9	2	11	82%	1	12
16	Cost of Entity Setup/Entity Selection	11	0	11	100%	1	12
17	Federal Income Taxes/Entity Selection	10	1	11	91%	1	12
18	Identification of Compliance Issues	8	3	11	73%	1	12
19	Identification of Compliance Issues	8	3	11	73%	1	12
20	Information Sources	10	1	11	91%	1	12
21	Drafting Legal Documents at Startup	11	0	11	100%	1	12
22	Drafting Legal Documents at Startup	11	0	11	100%	1	12
23	Drafting Legal Documents at Startup	8	3	11	73%	1	12
24	Role of CPA in Regulatory Compliance	10	1	11	91%	1	12
25	Provoke Thought (Justified Answer Correct)	11	0	11	100%	1	12
Mean Score of 11 Students on Questionnaire					93.8%		
*Student must select 70% of correct options (at least 10 of 14) for an acceptable response on questions 18 and 19.							

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Name _____ August 4, 2011

1. Where can you find information about starting a business in Utah?
2. Where can you find information about starting a business in Idaho?
3. How can you determine whether the name you have selected for your business is available in Utah?
4. If the name selected for your business is available in the state of Utah, how do you reserve the name?
5. Does reserving a business name in Utah automatically reserve the name in other states?
6. How do you register your new business with the state of Utah?
7. Where can you get assistance in writing a business plan?
8. Where can you find information about obtaining financing for your new business?
9. Where do you normally obtain a business license, if required?

10. If you anticipate start-up losses, which one of the following entity forms is least likely to permit pass-through of losses to the business owners?
 - a. An S-Corporation
 - b. A General Partnership
 - c. A C-Corporation
 - d. A Proprietorship
 - e. An LLC with default taxation

11. Under the check-the-box regulations, what is the default form of taxation for a one-owner LLC ?
 - a. Partnership
 - b. Proprietorship
 - c. S-Corporation
 - d. C-Corporation
 - e. None of the above

12. Under the check-the-box regulations, what is the default form of taxation for an LLC with more than one owner?
 - a. Partnership
 - b. Proprietorship
 - c. S-Corporation
 - d. C-Corporation
 - e. None of the above

13. Which one of the following entity forms provides the least liability protection for the owner(s)?
 - a. An S-Corporation
 - b. An LLC
 - c. A Proprietorship
 - d. A C-Corporation

14. Tom and Bob want to start a business as equal owners. They have selected an LLC as the business entity form for the business. Under the check-the-box regulations, they have chosen to be taxed as an S-Corporation. They plan to build a building for use in their business and want to own the business as equal owners. How should they own the building.
 - a. They should have their operating entity (the LLC taxed as an S-Corporation) own the building.
 - b. They should own the building as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship.
 - c. They should establish a separate LLC to own the building and have the operating entity rent the building from the new LLC.
 - d. They should own the building as Tenants in Common

15. See the information in question 14 above. If Tom and Bob want to establish their business in Utah, how should equipment, vehicles and other personalty to be used in the business be owned?
- They should have their operating entity (the LLC taxed as an S-Corporation) own the personalty.
 - They should own the personalty as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship.
 - They should establish a separate LLC to own the personalty and have the operating entity rent the building from the new LLC.
 - They should own the personalty as Tenants in Common
16. Which of the following is the least expensive form of business entity to set up?
- Proprietorship
 - LLC
 - S-Corporation
 - C-Corporation
17. If generous fringe benefits are desired for both the employees and the owners of a new company, which entity form makes tax-excludable fringe benefits most readily available for the owners of the business?
- Proprietorship
 - General Partnership
 - LLC
 - S-Corporation
 - C-Corporation
18. Which of the following compliance issues must be dealt with by a proprietorship with no employees other than the owner? Place a check mark by all of the answers that apply.
- A separate federal income tax return for the entity
 - A separate Utah income tax return for the entity
 - Estimated income tax payments for the owner
 - Business personal property taxes (for office furniture, computers, etc.) for the business
 - Federal income tax withholding for owners/employees
 - Utah income tax withholding for owners/employees
 - Social Security and Medicare withholding for owners/employees
 - Social Security and Medicare employer matching for owners/employees
 - Self-employment taxes for the owner
 - Federal unemployment taxes
 - Utah unemployment taxes
 - Workers Compensation insurance
 - Form 940
 - Form 941

19. Which of the following compliance issues must be dealt with by a regular corporation with the owner as the only employee? Place a check mark by all of the answers that apply.

- A separate federal income tax return for the entity
- A separate Utah income tax return for the entity
- Estimated income tax payments for the entity
- Business personal property taxes (for office furniture, computers, etc.) for the business
- Federal income tax withholding for employees
- Utah income tax withholding for employees
- Social Security and Medicare withholding for employees
- Social Security and Medicare employer matching for employees
- Self-employment taxes for the owner
- Federal unemployment taxes
- Utah unemployment taxes
- Workers Compensation insurance
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20. Where can you learn about government business requirements for a new business entity?

21. Are you required to have an attorney draft the legal documents associated with starting a new business?

22. Is it advisable to have an attorney draft the legal documents associated with starting a new business?

23. Is a CPA allowed to draft the legal documents associated with starting a new business for a client?

24. What can a CPA do to assist a client in complying with government regulatory requirements?

25. Do you plan to start your own business (alone or with others) in the future? Why or why not?