### **DE ANZA COLLEGE**

Payroll Tax Accounting 064.-61 Winter 2015 CRN:00043 Monday

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Required: Payroll Accounting, 2015 edition, Bieg and Toland with

Cengage Learning Online Printed Access Card

Calculator, and Excel or other Spreadsheet Program

Office Hour: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Classroom G6

Please turn off your cell phone before you enter the classroom. You will be asked to leave, if you disturb the class. Cell phones may not be used instead of calculators and may not be taken out or left on your desk.

### Course Objective:

Accounting 64 presents basic payroll procedures used in business today. It provides practice in recording and in the preparation of tax returns and in understanding payroll systems and control techniques. The Student will learn (1) to research payroll tax laws and evaluate accounting options to comply with these laws and (2) to produce payroll tax reports and related journal entries.

In today's business world, the computer is used in collecting, organizing and analyzing data. It is imperative for the business student to have direct experience using a computer while preparing to meet the challenges of the business world. To accomplish this you must use a computerized spreadsheet to complete your assignments and download IRS forms and publications from the IRS website, www.irs.gov, and EDD forms and publications at www.edd.ca.gov

Communication and following instructions, both verbal and written, is an integral part of this course.

# Assignments and Attendance:

Regular attendance is expected. You will be dropped after 3 unexcused absences. Please see me or e-mail me if you are having scheduling problems. Exercises and problems will be assigned and reviewed in class. Your overall success will be enhanced by reading the text and working the assignments before the class discussions for the related section. In order to achieve your potential, we suggest that you spend two hours outside of class for each hour in the classroom. Late assignments will not be accepted. Homework must be submitted on time.

### Student Evaluation:

Your grade will be based on three out of four midterm exams, one final examination, assignments, and homework. Exams will consist of both multiple-choice and problem-solving questions and consist of all materials covered in class, including tax publications and online tax topics. There will be no make-up examinations, but your lowest midterm grade will be dropped. You will be marked on accuracy, presentation and being able to follow all instructions, both written and oral. The final exam will be on March 23, 2015, the last day of class, from 6:00 pm to 8:10 pm. The Final must be taken and will not be dropped.

# Academic Integrity Policy:

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Students will be required to present a photo ID before all examinations, and will <u>not</u> be permitted to leave the classroom during any examination without submitting their answer sheet and question papers. Academic and/or administrative sanctions will be applied to students who cheat on an exam or quiz, or help another person cheat on an exam or quiz as stated in the Student Handbook at <u>www.deanza.edu/studenthandbook/academic-integrity.html</u>.

Cell phones, on or off, will not be allowed in class.

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Your final grade will be calculated using the following scale:

Midterm Exams (3 out of 4)

| Homework Assignments Continuing Problem Final Exam Total Points |        | 30<br>20<br><u>100</u><br>450 |  |
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| GRADE   | % OF T | % OF TOTAL                    |  |
| A +   | 97     | 100.0                         |  |
| Α   | 93     | 96.9                          |  |
| A -   | 89     | 92.9                          |  |
| B +   | 86     | 88.9                          |  |
| В   | 82     | 85.9                          |  |
| B -   | 79     | 81.9                          |  |
| C +   | 74     | 78.9                          |  |
| С   | 69     | 73.9                          |  |
| D +   | 65     | 68.9                          |  |
| D   | 62     | 64.9                          |  |
| D -   | 59     | 61.9                          |  |

Note: You can contact me by e-mail, but if you want me to call you back please be sure that your e-mail message includes a phone number.

Below

Class starts on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Please print this Welcome page, the Green Sheet, the Calendar, and the Assignments, and bring the 4 handouts to class on the first day. We have only 10 class days and a lot to cover, so please be prepared.

The textbook information is given on the Green Sheet. The De Anza Bookstore has the textbook for rent or purchase. We will use it on the first day of class.

The 'Calendar and Assignment' handout has 2 tabs at the bottom. The calendar and the assignments are on 2 separate pages. Make sure you click on each tab and print both pages.

We will review the **IRS** 2015 Publication 15 (Circular E, Employer's Payroll Guide). You can get a copy at <a href="www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a> or at the IRS walk-in office at 55 South Market St, San Jose, CA 95113, or at other IRS offices in the Bay area. Addresses are available online.

We will also review **2015 Publication DE 44** available at <u>www.edd.ca.gov</u> for State of California employment taxes.

You do not need to print either of the 2 publications at this point. We will discuss both in class.