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**JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE:**

**PREREQUISITES:**

**COREQUISITES:**

**ADVISORIES:**

**ASSIGNED DISCIPLINES:**

Accounting
Small business development (entrepreneurship)

**MATERIAL FEE:** Yes [ ] No [X] Amount: $0.00

**CREDIT STATUS:** Noncredit [ ] Credit - Degree Applicable [X] Credit - Not Degree Applicable [ ]

**GRADING POLICY:** Pass/No Pass [X] Standard Letter [X] Not Graded [ ] Satisfactory Progress [ ]

**OPEN ENTRY/OPEN EXIT:** Yes [ ] No [X]

**TRANSFER STATUS:** CSU Transferable[ ] UC/CSU Transferable[ ] Not Transferable[ ]

**BASIC SKILLS STATUS:** Yes [ ] No [X] LEVELS BELOW TRANSFER: Not Applicable

**CALIFORNIA CLASSIFICATION CODES:** Y - Not Applicable

**NON CREDIT COURSE CATEGORY:** Y - Not applicable, Credit Course

**OCCUPATIONAL (SAM) CODE:** D

**REPEATABLE ACCORDING TO STATE GUIDELINES:** No [X] Yes [ ] NUMBER REPEATS:

**REQUIRED FOR DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE:** No [ ] Yes [X]

Entrepreneurship and Small Business Startup Essentials
Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management(Certificate of Achievement)

**GE AND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS MET:**

COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) Supported by this course:
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3. Compile start-up cost estimates, revenue trends, and financial projections.

COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:

A. Cash receipts
   1. billing and invoicing
   2. auxiliary charges: freight, handling charges, taxes, fees, etc.
   3. credit terms
   4. payment terms
   5. remittance

B. Receivables
   1. aging categories
   2. late fees
   3. finance charges
   4. collection policies
   5. abatement
   6. reconciliation of receivables to general ledger
   7. ratios: A/R turnover, days in receivables
   8. maximizing interest - overnight and sweep funds, money market accounts, CDs, checking and savings accounts

C. Cash disbursements
   1. check writing
   2. internal controls, positive pay
   3. authorized signators, signature card
   4. types of discounts: trade, vendor, bulk, cash, etc.

D. Payables
   1. the banking relationship
   2. purchase commitments and contractual obligations
   3. maintaining liquidity - sufficient cash flow, line of credit
   4. managing payables - accelerating and deferring payments
   5. reconciliation of payables to general ledger
   6. ratios: quick (acid test) ratio, current ratio

E. Bank reconciliations
   1. the bank statement
   2. reconciling items
   3. updating the general ledger
   4. stale dated checks, escheats

F. Inventory
   1. perpetual inventory system: items versus each
2. inventory issues: obsolescence, perishable items, markups, markdowns, clearance
3. determining the cost of inventory (costing)
4. costing a product or service
5. ratios: inventory turnover, days in inventory

G. Fixed assets
   1. proper capitalization for book and tax reporting
   2. developing depreciation schedules
   3. MACRS
   4. ratios: ROA, asset turnover

H. Other assets
   1. proper capitalization
   2. tax treatment

I. Debt
   1. proper valuation
   2. tax treatment

J. Taxes
   1. federal and state income taxes
      a. quarterly estimated payments
      b. returns and extensions
      c. recordkeeping - property tax statements, depreciation schedules, insurance and other
         invoices, business receipts
      d. enlisting the services of a CPA
   2. sales tax
      a. remittance
   3. payroll tax
      a. remittance - frequency and method
      b. forms
      c. payroll service companies
   4. business tax
   5. licenses

K. Basic accounting format
   1. ABCs of bookkeeping
   2. accrual basis accounting
   3. revenues versus other types of cash receipts
   4. expenses versus capital expenditures
   5. dividends/owner withdrawals

L. Financial statements
   1. preparation of income statement, balance sheet, owner’s equity statement, statement of cash
      flows
   2. horizontal analysis - prior year, budget
      a. establishing thresholds
      b. management by exception
   3. ratios: profit margin, working capital
   4. income statement: analyzing profitability and operational performance
   5. balance sheet: analyzing financial condition, liquidity, and solvency
   6. statement of cash flows: understanding cash activity

M. Budgeting
   1. projecting revenues and expenses
   2. devising a capital budget
   3. compiling a cash budget

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lecture:
B. Online:
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:
- Lecture (online or classroom)
- Project Activity
- Presentation materials/slides
- Reading assignments from handouts and/or textbook.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
Reading Assignments
- Textbook chapters
- Online resources/links
- Presentation slides
- Other reading materials as assigned

Out-of-class Assignments
- Weekly reading
- Online research

Writing Assignments
- Financial statements preparation
- Projects, assignments, and homework as assigned

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:
- Midterm Exam
- Final Exam
- Short Quizzes
- Written Assignments
- Essay Examinations
- Objective Examinations
- Report
- Projects (ind/group)
- Problem Solving Exercises
- Oral Presentations
- Skills Demonstration

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:
- Ability to understand and extract the components of fundamental financial statements.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:
- Ability to perform basic accounting functions and prepare fundamental financial statements.

TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:
TextBooks:

Software:
LIBRARY:
   Adequate library resources include:
   Comments:
Attachments:
   Attached Files