WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THIS COURSE?
(Please comment on anything concerning the course, instructor, content, technology, personal issues, etc...)

The strengths of this course would be when the examples are written on the board. I am a visual learner and I can understand the formula when it is done one step at a time. Mr. Kamida is very knowledgeable of the income tax course.

Mr. Kamida is very efficient with his use of resources and items that he makes available for us to use in order to learn the material. There is plenty of time to study each chapter and things are not rushed. The material is great for anyone who has to file taxes, which is everyone. I've learned a lot up to this point on things like tax deductions, the laws for different filings, and how to determine your status. The textbook is clear and easy to understand and the assignments help to build the foundations.

The strength of this course is the many resources that are available. We have the textbook that has examples and check points with the answers in the back. I am taking the online class and the videos help explain things to me that I could not understand by just reading. The solutions to the problems at the end of the chapter in the resource folder also shows that we are on the right track with learning and understanding the material.

The strengths of this course is the instructor. He is very organized. I like that it kind of feels like a live class because he provides videos of the chapter. I also think that the weekly assignments are not too difficult, it helps us learn things we didn't know.

Mr. Kamida provides many resources to help us excell in this class. He makes sure he reviews whatever subject he has already covered to help us remember and if you miss class, you don't have to worry about missing anything because he posts videos online for online students but students in live class can also use these videos to their advantage. The weekly activities (such as chapter quizzes) are evenly spaced out so we have lots of time to complete them. He is also great at responding back to you in a timely manner.

The strength of this course is the readily available resources, including the video lectures and the envolvement of the professor. I feel this is a very well structured class. In fact all the online accounting classes I have taken from LCC are very well structured!

All the different tools available to us and Mr. Kamida always available to answer our questions.

The instructor is very organized, detail-oriented, and genuinely cares about the content.

I like how most of our work is done online. It's also nice that we are able to come to class and review things.

I like that everything is online which makes everything convenient. The instructor goes over everything very thoroughly and is very helpful. The instructor also makes the learning material clear and easy to understand and is willing to help until you understand.

It is a great course!

I learned a lot information about the tax.
I would say the strength is that the instructor answers all my questions within 24 hours. It helps me get things done on time.

Professor Kamida's course videos are awesome. They bring the classroom experience to an online class. Professor Kamida answer's emails almost immediately, and offers great help. He also sends weekly updates on the assignments for that week. Everything you need to succeed, is provided to you in this course by Professor Kamida. Online classes rely on the effective use of technology to encourage learning. Professor Kamida does just that. I wish all online classes were this good.

Mr. Kamida is very helpful. I fell free to ask him some questions!

The strengths of this course are I learned how to complete all the forms, doing the projects, all the tax equations were so helpful. The instructor is a very good and fun teacher to have. I like when we look at powerpoints and watching the videos. I'm so glad I took this course to help me with completing tax returns. I will always practice and do some returns to get more experience.

I thing the strengths of this course are....
The professor is open to answering questions and in person and by email. He reply to question asap which is most likely the same day or next day ( he lets youknow when he'll get back to you which is a plus)
I like the learning material offered. I like that the teacher has offered to give us the 1040 pamphlet to help us understand the tax form. Having the pamphlet can help even with the 1040a and 1040ez.
I also like the technology given with booklet. that offers videos to help us better understand the material.

This course is kind of challenging but the instructor is on top of everything. The instructor has everything on laulima. He gives the homework ahead of time and everything is self explanatory.

Its easy acess, You can do it anywhere.

Mr. Kamida is very knowledgable about income tax. He knows exactly what he's talking about and helps students grasp the complexity of taxation. He does many sample problems in class which help students learn and are better prepared when doing weekly assignments or exams.

The strenghts of this course are, mainly, how flexible it is. The online course makes it possible for the average college student to both work and gain a secondary education. The course forces students to stay diligent in their studies.

Instructor is very helpful and knowledgable about his topic.

The videos of the homework problems are very helpful. Actually seeing the way it is done properly is like being in class with a live teacher.

Mr. Kamida is very helpful and he is willing to help any student. He also makes all the course content avavailable online reguardless of the class setting.

Professor Kamida is always avaliable for help, he always reminds us of our assignments that are due weekly, he told us in the beginning how to study for our exams and he also gives many extra credit opportunities. Some people don't live on Oahu but took this online class because they needed it and accounting in general is tough, so he doesn't only give Oahu kids the opportunity to get extra credit. He's fair!
One week he allowed us to ask him questions, especially if we had a personal issue question and he posted it anonymously so if we were to shy to ask our classmates, he made it comfortable for us to share our questions and opinions without causing fights!

Roy is very helpful. He lectures every class period to help students understand the material that is being covered.
WHAT MAKES LEARNING DIFFICULT? (please feel free to comment on anything concerning the course, instructor, content, technology, personal challenges, etc...)

For me if I haven't learned the subject, it is simply because I didn't read or study the material. For others, it may be because taxes are not an interesting subject to them.

Learning is difficult when there is not enough examples when learning the material. If there are barely any examples, students will only see certain ways of solving the problems and will not see everything that could be asked. The more examples there are, the more familiar students can get with most of the situations that could occur.

For me, the teacher can make learning difficult or easy. If there is a teacher that doesn't know how to properly explain something then that makes it difficult. I have a teacher that doesn't use her class time wisely, we always back track and learn about things we have already submitted and got graded. She doesn't go over the content that is coming up next, so that makes it hard. Now I have to learn the next chapter all by myself, when she could have used her class time to explain it. It's difficult when you don't understand what you are reading and the teacher doesn't give examples to help understand what the book or the assignment is asking.

I don't think there is anything difficult with this class because Mr. Kamida is very knowledgeable about this subject (Fundamentals of Taxation) and he is able to answer many of our questions. If he is unable to answer a question, he provides a resource that may be able to answer that particular question.

The only thing that makes this class difficult is the time it takes to learn the material, however that is hard to overcome when taking online courses. I guess if you were taking regular classes time would still be an issue.

There is a lot to learn and keep up with tax laws.

Personal objections; failure to create a sense of urgency within yourself.

The way the book is organized makes it kind of harder for me to learn. I learn accounting better by watching and doing.

There is a lot of information to retain and sometimes all that information can be overwhelming. Self motivation also plays a big part too.

I prefer to take exams while I am in school. Home life tends to be really crazy, therefore, I don't do well.

Sometimes

So far so good haven't had any difficulties so far.

The only thing that made things difficult is balancing my job, family, and school. However, with Professor Kamida's videos and online handouts I am still able to succeed.

since it is online course, this subject is difficult to understand only by reading the textbook.

Explaining how to complete all the forms clearly and accurate, doing the exams was hard it should be more organized and make it more comfortable for students to understand these concepts. This is what learning difficult.
as for me the only thing that makes learning difficult is READING. I don't like to read but do it when needed.

The only thing I think is difficult is that this is an online class. It's a little harder to learn on our own and not having the instructor actually explaining it in a class. I believe one day of in class session would be good and helpful.

So Many readings in short amount of time.

The only difficult thing about learning is the software that came with the text book is only good for PC computers. I have a MAC and I am unable to use the software and must learn the long hand to do my tax forms.

The thing that makes learning difficult varies from one person to another. What I find difficult about learning is simple. I love life and I know that time is precious, that's why I find it so hard to dedicate myself the right amount of hours to my studies. In the end I always find a way to balance living my life and doing things I know I have to do, in order to do what I want to do in the future.

I was never one to do well in online classes. I don't really have the discipline, but am still trying.

Taxes is like learning a new language, when you think you've got it something changes, are there is an exception to the rule. I find myself getting tunnel vision because of the focus on details which sometimes makes me miss the obvious.

N/A

For me, I have a hard time studying because I'm juggling so many classes, my child, and work. I know it's not an excuse because everyone has that same problem; however, I sometimes find it difficult to get things done before times up or getting the reading material. Reading the material is also another challenge. I don't have reading problems, but sometimes when I read for accounting, I need to read it more than once to get it. And it doesn't help that I'm not in a class environment for this particular class.
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP YOU GET MORE OUT OF THIS COURSE? (Please comment on anything concerning the course, instructor, content, technology, personal responsibility, etc...)

I took the initiative and signed up for VITA. Between this course and VITA, I feel I've learned so much more than just reading the book and taking the class. I get to have practical application as well. It's been a great experience. I would encourage others to volunteer as well.

I do not have an answer to this. Right now, this course is excellent. I get responses to questions quickly, we do activities at the end of the week to help us understand the chapter better, and there are a lot of different ways to get familiar with the material. Taxes is a hard subject, but with everything that Mr. Kamida offers to us, it helps make this online class easier to learn.

I think I would like to sit in a live class, that way if I have any questions while the instructor is teaching something, I can get an answer.

I'm already learning a lot about this subject especially because we actually have to prepare tax returns for some of our weekly assignments. Our weekly assignments also includes chapter quizzes, where you learn your strengths and weaknesses. By discovering your weaknesses, you are able to go back in the back to cover that particular topic to acquire a better understanding of it.

I think this class is good as it is. Everything is on Laulima, so it's easy to access. For this class particularly I like the links that are added to the assignment pages so that the assignment is so easily available.

Nothing

Nothing, the course is just as i prefer.

The instructor could give us mini review problems for the calculations, then quickly go over how to solve them. That way, we would know if we are doing the calculations correctly.

I help with volunteering with taxes and I think all students enrolled in this course should. By volunteering, I have a much easier time understanding the materials in class and feel confident when it comes to homework and exams.

Have exams in class...

Know how to file the tax.

This course is loaded with useful information and I believe the instructor is doing a good job on making sure we get a lot out of this course.

I would like more interaction with my fellow classmates. There were no forums or mailtool to interact with other students about the course. Some group discussions about taxes would be helpful. The other thing that would help is a study guide for exams. There is so much information to process in the textbook, and it would help to know what is the most important information to know. Besides those few things, this class is perfect!

Since i am taking the online course i know i need to study my self.However If there is more weekly assignment cover the chapter, it it will help me to understand and force me study ( read) the text book more.
Providing more activities for the students to perform and understand the tax information more, watching more real-life films online, and changing the words and format for students.

I don't think I would need anything more to learn this course. The teacher is a big help when questions are asked and the material given makes the work as simple as that if you just read it.

This course is good for students that work and have other things to do because it's online but I believe that there should be an in-class session for those that learn better when the instructor is actually explaining the lessons to you.

I need more time to digest the information.

Doing more sample problems in class, especially when it comes to projects!

I feel that Acc. 134 online is going good. The reason why I say "good" and not "EXCELLENT" is because I'm still stuck in the traditional class mindset, where the teacher is right there with you. In all I tend to like a little more instruction but this course is slowly changing the way I learn. It's forcing me to be more independent.

Gain more personal responsibility. Better communication between instructor and student.

Actually I'm enjoying this course very much. The fact that we are doing the tax forms is what is going to help me learn. Mr. Kamida is a good teacher because I'm not stressing out about not being able to do the homework! With his videos I can actually do the homework!! And I'm doing taxes!!

I think explanations of the solutions would help, that way we can see how to get the answer instead of just having the solution.

I just need to schedule my time and get things done before hand. It's good that the teacher gives us a week, but maybe it may be a bit easier if I knew what I should do in the syllabus so I can turn things in as soon as possible. But mainly this has to be fixed by personal responsibility!