International Entrepreneurship: Focus on Japan

Section 1

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[Course Outline / Description]

In this course, students will evaluate views of entrepreneurship within the framework of entrepreneurial thinking and putting this mindset into action. In this course, students will develop a mindset that will enable them to build a toolkit to create and evaluate entrepreneurial opportunities, learn how to obtain resources, and form teams with creativity, leadership, and actions. Students will see and experience a process of starting businesses in Japan by creating business plans.

Section 2

[Course Objectives/Goals/Learning Outcomes]

Assess your personal entrepreneurial capacity.

Differentiate between entrepreneurial and managerial thinking.

Play with idea generation techniques to help you better create and shape ideas into opportunities.

Evaluate opportunities using rigorous feasibility and experimentation processes.

Develop, define, and clearly communicate a business concept to determine its feasibility.

Gain confidence to use entrepreneurial thinking and action with future opportunities.

Section 3

[Class Schedule/Class Environment, Literature and Materials]

Week	Session	Topic
1	1	Introductions/Class Overview
		Ted Talk Sahar Hashemi: What makes an entrepreneur
		Video:
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8nHptyS234
2	2	Practicing Entrepreneurship
		Types and Examples of Entrepreneurship
		Reading: Harvard Business Review "So You Want to Be an Entrepreneur?"
		https://hbr.org/2020/07/so-you-want-to-be-an-entrepreneur
	3	Activating an Entrepreneurial Mindset
		Discussion: Who is your favorite entrepreneur?

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		Reading: Forbes "An Entrepreneurial Mindset: What Is It And How Can You Build It?"
		https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinesscouncil/2021/12/1
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		build-it/
3	4	Creating and Recognizing New Opportunities
		Blue ocean vs Red Ocean
		Reading: Blue Ocean Strategy
		https://www.blueoceanstrategy.com/tools/red-ocean-vs-blue-
		ocean-strategy/
	5	Using Design Thinking
		Developing Design Map
		Workshop: Create your design map
4	6	Building Business Models
		Business Model Canvas
		Video: The Business Model Canvas - 9 Steps to Creating a
		Successful Business Model
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP0cUBWTgpY
	_	Workshop: Create business model canvas
	7	Final project discussion
		Assigning teams
_	0	Preview of Quiz 1
5	8	Quiz 1
		Leadership Business Plan Discussion
		Business Plan Discussion
		Reading: Harvard Business Review "8 Essential Qualities of
		Successful Leaders"
		https://hbr.org/2023/12/8-essential-qualities-of-successful-
		leaders
	9	Quiz 1 Review
		Group Work– coming up with the business ideas with your team
		Business plan first idea due: choice of business
6	10	Developing Your Customers
		How to create values
		Value Proposition Canvas
		Workshop: Create value proposition canvas
	11	Creating Revenue Models
		Pricing Strategies

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		Reading: Harvard Business Review "Pricing Strategy"
		https://hbr.org/topic/subject/pricing-strategy
7	12	Testing and Experimenting with New Ideas
		Different types of companies in Japan
		Planning for Entrepreneurs
		Reading: JETRO Invest Japan
		Laws and Regulations on setting up business in Japan
		https://www.jetro.go.jp/ext_images/en/invest/img/setting_up/La
		ws EN 240513.pdf
	13	How to write business plans
		Business plan examples
		Preview for Quiz 2
8	14	Quiz 2
	1	Bootstrapping for Resources
		Financing for startups – types of Fundraising
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		Reading: Harvard Business Review "Everything You (Don't)
		Want to Know About Raising Capital"
		https://hbr.org/1989/11/everything-you-dont-want-to-know-
		about-raising-capital
	15	Quiz 2 Review
		Navigating Legal and IP Issues in Japan
		Discussion on Business Plan First Draft
		Video/Reading:
		https://ipeplat.inpit.go.jp/Elearning/View/Login/P_login.aspx
9	16	In class Team Discussion to prepare business plan first draft
		Team consultation with the instructor
	17	Due: Business Plan first draft
		Brief presentation of first draft by each team
10	18	Market Research
		Marketing and Branding
		Pitching Your Idea
		Video: How to improve your pitching skills
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Njh3rKoGKBo
11	19	Supporting Social Entrepreneurship
		Corporate Social Responsibility
		Reading: United Nations CSR and SDG
		https://csrfi.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/CSR-and-the-
		United-Nations-SDGs.pdf
	20	Learning From Failure
		Exit Strategies

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		Ted Talk Leticia Gasca: Fail Mindfully
		Discussion on Business Plan Second Draft
		Preview for Quiz 3
12	21	Quiz 3
		Business Plan Second Draft discussion
		Team consultation with the instructor
	22	Quiz 3 Review
		In class Team Discussion to prepare business plan second draft
		Team consultation with the instructor
13	23	Due: Business Plan second draft
		Brief presentation of second draft by each team
	24	Discussion on Final Project
		In class discussion to prepare final business plan
14	25	In class discussion to prepare final business plan
		Team consultation with the instructor
	26	Communication, Negotiation, and Presentation Skills
		Reading: Harvard Business Review "What It Takes to Give a Great Presentation"
		https://hbr.org/2020/01/what-it-takes-to-give-a-great-
		presentation
15	27	Due: Final Business Plan
		In class Team Discussion to review the final business plan and
		presentation
	28	Business plan presentation and Feed Back from classmates
16	29	Business plan presentation and Feed Back from classmates
	30	Business plan and presentation reviews, Semester review
		Peer Reviews on your teammates

[Textbooks/Reading Materials]

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Section 4

[Learning Assessments/Grading Rubric]

- Final Business plan 20%
- Presentation Skills 10%
- First Draft Business plan 10%
- Second Draft Business plan 10%
- Three quizzes 10% each
- Class Participation and attendance 10%
- Peer Review 10%

Section 5

[Additional Information]

This course focuses on group work and collaboration with other classmates is important. Active class participation is expected.