

IB263-15 Design Thinking for Digital Innovation

20/21

Department

Warwick Business School

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

9 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

N/A.

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Module aims

The main aim of this module is to offer a broad perspective on design thinking and digital innovation. More specifically, students will:

- Assess frameworks for understanding innovation in digital service and product settings.
- Explore the organising logic of digital innovation and its implications for managing digital ventures.
- Consider design as a tool for technological innovation.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

The main aim of this module is to offer a broad perspective on design thinking and digital innovation.

The sessions cover:

- Introduction and key concepts
- Design thinking
- Digital innovation practice and cases
- Designing open innovation processes
- Designing digital innovations: design inquiry and field study techniques
- Design workshops
- Managing and scaling digital innovations

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars. The module gives the opportunity for students to generate a digital innovation concept with strategic potential by using design inquiry techniques. The design inquiry will include a minor ethnographic field study, design workshops, use of qualitative analysis techniques, and concept assessment.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand the organising logic of digital innovation and its implications for managing and designing digital ventures.
- Understand frameworks for innovation in digital service and product settings.
- Understand design as a tool for technological innovation.
- Choose and apply relevant theoretical frameworks to analyse specific cases.

Indicative reading list

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Subject specific skills

To review key challenges in effectively design digital innovations.

To be able to present a technology proposal, highlighting strengths and weaknesses of designs leading to a balanced view and recommendation.

Transferable skills

Learn how to conduct design inquiry.

Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.

Study

Study time

| Type | Required |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Lectures | 10 sessions of 2 hours (13%) |
| Seminars | 9 sessions of 1 hour (6%) |
| Private study | 48 hours (32%) |
| Assessment | 73 hours (49%) |
| Total | 150 hours |

Private study description

Private Study.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A1

| | Weighting | Study time |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Individual Assignment | 70% | 44 hours |
| Group Project | 30% | 29 hours |

Feedback on assessment

Individual written feedback Oral and written feedback for design project.

Availability

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
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 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
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This module is Unusual option for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
 - Year 3 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
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This module is Option list G for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
 - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
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