

IB151-15 Foundations of Entrepreneurship

24/25

Department

Warwick Business School

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This is an elective module for first year non-WBS students. It can be taken on it's own, or along with other WBS modules as part of the Business and Management pathway. Please speak to your home department for more information.

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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.

Students will develop a business for a product or service of their choice. The elements of the course will cover the aspects necessary to develop a business idea. Sessions will include:

- Opportunities
- Innovation
- Intellectual property
- Lean startup approach
- Business models
- Finding Resources
- Communication
- Business idea coaching
- Growth

Learning outcomes

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

- Understand the key principles of entrepreneurship to the development of a business idea
- Create a business idea pitch
- Appraise the strength of a business idea
- Demonstrate the ability to analyse the entrepreneurial process

Indicative reading list

Barringer, B.R. and Ireland, R.D. (2010) *Entrepreneurship: Successfully Launching New Venture*, Harlow: Pearson

Barrow, C., Barrow, P. and Brown, R. (2015) *The Business Plan Workbook: a practical guide to new venture creation and development*, London : KoganPage.

Bhide, A. (1992) 'Bootstrap Finance: The Art of Start-Ups' *Harvard Business Review*, 70, 6, pp. 109-17

Mollick, E. (2020). *The Unicorn's Shadow*. Wharton School Press - this book has five chapters and is classed as essential reading.

Neck, H.M., Neck, C.P., & Murray, E. L. (2018). *Entrepreneurship: The practice and mindset*. Sage.

Ries, E. (2011), *The Lean Startup: How Constant Innovation Creates Radically Successful Businesses*, London ; New York : Portfolio Penguin

Shane, S. (2003). *A general theory of entrepreneurship*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Subject specific skills

Identify an entrepreneurial opportunity
Develop a business model
Appraise the resources needed to support their business idea

Transferable skills

Develop written skills in business presentation and communication
Apply research skills to a business idea

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	10 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Online learning (independent)	10 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Private study	49 hours (63%)
Total	78 hours

Private study description

Independent learning

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 A

	Weighting	Study time
Individual Assignment	90%	65 hours
Participation	10%	7 hours

Assessment group R

	Weighting	Study time
Individual Assignment	100%	

Feedback on assessment

In class and on my.wbs

Availability

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 1 of UGEA-RN21 Undergraduate German and Business Studies

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
 - Year 1 of L100 Economics
 - Year 1 of L100 Economics
 - Year 1 of L100 Economics
 - Year 1 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization
 - Year 1 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization
- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 1 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 1 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- Year 1 of UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
- Year 1 of UPXA-F3N2 Undergraduate Physics with Business Studies

This module is Unusual option for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy