

ENTR 3600 BUSINESS ESSENTIALS FOR TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURS II

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course has three modules: 1. Accounting: presents financial accounting fundamentals for business planning; 2. Finance: presents finance fundamentals to enable fund raising and resource allocation decisions; 3. Strategy: explores competitive analysis and strategic planning.

COURSE FACULTY



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COURSE MODULES



Accounting Module

It aims to develop students' understanding of the fundamentals of financial accounting. It focuses on teaching students how to create the financial reports required in a business plan. This module has four organizing themes: The accounting process, the accounting reports, analysis of financial statements, and the use of accounting information for decision making.

Strategy Module

This module explores the core concepts of strategic management. It focuses on the challenges involved in managing



an enterprise. The perspective adopted here is that of the CEO who needs to make decisions in complex and uncertain conditions, while taking into account inter and intra organizational considerations. The module has four organizing themes: the concept of strategy, the external environment, the internal analysis, and strategy in a dynamic environment. Readings, lectures, and role playing are used to expose students to a wide range of concepts and to the many types of situations that managers face, which impact an organization's performance. Case studies are used to further



develop students' skills in dealing with complex situations.

Finance Module

The aim is to develop students' understanding of the fundamentals of entrepreneurial finance. It focuses on teaching students how to make educated financial decisions on fund raising and resource allocation. This module has four organizing themes: The time value of money, managerial investment criteria, valuation methods of new ventures, and financial analytical tools.

