This course is designed to guide the student in the planning, preparation, and the completion of a successful business plan. The student will develop the tools and confidence in the writing of their own business plan which will serve as a guide in promoting growth, profitability, and social responsibility in achieving their business goals. Suitable for any current business owner or entrepreneur, business, management, or marketing student. This class is critical for contemporary business leaders and owners to understand how to develop a strong business plan that will be used to secure the business and provide a guideline for future growth and profitability.
COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) Supported by this course:

1. develop a mission statement and objectives for a business.
2. develop and compose an operational business plan.
3. develop three marketing objectives as part of a business plan.
4. develop a financial plan as part of a business plan.
5. investigate potential loans, investors, and venture capitalists.

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COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:

A. Introduction to Writing Business Plans
B. Executive Summary
   1. Mission Statement
   2. Objectives
   3. Description
C. Keys to Success
   1. Start up summary including company ownership: partnership, corporation, and sole proprietorship
   2. Determination of products and/or services to be offered
D. Analysis of the external and internal environment
   1. Perform a market segmentation and target analysis
   2. Analyze and competition and buying patterns
   3. Analyze, develop, and implement marketing strategy
   4. Analyze and develop a competitive edge
   5. Establish a sales strategy utilizing sales forecasts and milestones
E. Management Summary
   1. Develop organizational and human resources plan
   2. Establish financial plan including
      a. Financial plans including start up funds
      b. Project break-even analysis, profit and loss, cash flow analysis
   3. Develop and analyze income statement and balance sheet financial statements
   4. Perform basic business ratios

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lecture:
B. Dist. Ed – Delayed Interaction:
C. Online:
D. Independent Study:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:
COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
  Writing Assignments
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Reading Assignments
Text Websites

Out-of-class Assignments
None listed

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:
Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Short Quizzes
Written Assignments
Essay Examinations
Objective Examinations
Report
Projects (ind/group)
Problem Solving Exercises
Oral Presentations
Skills Demonstration
  Demonstration of Critical Thinking:
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  Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:
  Develop, research, and write the business plan and present to class.

TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:
TextBooks:

LIBRARY:
  Adequate library resources include: Non-Print Materials

Comments:

Attachments:
  Attached Files