

SYLLABUS

course description

Course title	Business Practice for Design & Eco-Social Innovation Area: Seminar 3
Course code	96026
Scientific sector	-
Degree	Master in Eco-Social Design (LM-12)
Semester	2nd
Year	1st and 2nd
Credits	2
Modular	No
Lecturer	Günther Reifer
Scientific sector of the lecturer	-
Teaching language	English
Teaching assistant (if any)	-
Office hours	-
Teaching language	English
Total lecturing hours	18
Total hours of self-study and/or other individual educational activities	32
Attendance	mandatory
Prerequisites	-
Course page	-

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In this Workshop, 2-days course we will focus on a new thinking approach on how to do business. Based on a systemic approach and the Terra Institute principles, we will design the “company 3.0” where people, planet, purpose and prosperity are key issues. We will learn how ideas can be translated into real business cases and attract possible partners and investors.

Educational objectives

Students will be able to:

- Think in business opportunities and translate them in real business cases
- Understand how a systemic perspective changes the way in which we conceive business
- Understand how societal mega trends and the concept of sustainability are intimately intertwined with business and how truly sustainable companies can be designed and developed
- Develop a vision / mission characterized by a real purpose to attract potential employees, customers, partners and investors
- Use the Business Model Canvas to describe a business case and will learn how to translate it into a business plan

Knowledge will be acquired in the following fields:

- Strategic management
- Systemic thinking
- Terra Institute principles
- Business Model CANVAS
- Business plan

List of topics covered

- Global challenges and Megatrends
- Terra Institute Principles and framework
- Purpose: Systemic Vision / Mission
- Business Model Canvas and Business Plan
- Examples – People / Planet / Prosperity
- Outlook

Teaching format

- Frontal lectures
- Exercises with real-life cases

Learning outcomes

This course is a combination of frontal lectures and team-based exercises. It teaches what lies at the heart of a new thinking approach on how to do business and it conveys ways in which an idea can be translated in to a real business case. The course includes advanced thinking for sustainable management, leadership, systemic thinking and shows a lot of examples on how new companies can be designed and developed. Throughout the course, students are challenged to think in a new context where people, planet and prosperity constitute the basis of doing business.

Knowledge and understanding

Business practice and Marketing 3.0

Applying knowledge and understanding

Using tools as Business Model Canvas, spiral dynamic and business planning

Making judgments

Ability to estimate and develop social impact business

Communication skills

Purpose driven storytelling, inspiring people

Learning skills

Creativity, motivation and call to action

Assessment

Carrying out a real-life project using adopting a holistic business approach and perspective

Assessment language: English

Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks

- Active participation
- Creativity
- Personal reflection

Required readings

No required readings

Supplementary readings

- Sustainable Companies; E. Oberleiter, G. Reifer, H.-U. Streit
- Leading from the Emerging Future: From Ego-System to Eco-System Economies; Otto Scharmer
- Doughnut Economics; Kate Raworth