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Unit guide MGMT727 Entrepreneurship in Business

General Information

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Prerequisites
Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
The purpose of this unit is to provide students with an understanding of the process that an entrepreneur employs to develop an idea into an opportunity and then into a thriving, valuable business. We will see how the application of sound principles of business strategy underpins the entrepreneurial process and is critical in achieving a successful outcome. Successful completion of this unit will provide students with knowledge and tools that will support them in their own entrepreneurial endeavours or equip them to contribute as part of an entrepreneurial team. A central focus of this unit is to develop a critical awareness and evaluation of existing literature, theories and research in entrepreneurship.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Recognise and communicate the economic, technological, societal, and global dimensions of entrepreneurship.
Identify and explain a range of concepts, models and approaches that represent the theory of entrepreneurship and apply them to practical situations. Work effectively in teams to experience all aspects of a new venture start-up and demonstrate interpersonal, leadership and communication skills, both written and verbal. Critically reflect and write on the theory and nature of entrepreneurship and your associated learning experience.

**General Assessment Information**

Please take advantage of the applied format in the delivery of this Unit. Practical application is a key cornerstone of entrepreneurial behaviour. At the same, focus on the leanings from this unit. Students are expected to complete all assessment tasks for this subject. Successful completion of this unit requires the student to achieve at least 50% in total in the assessment tasks offered.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**New Venture Start-up**

Due: **Weeks 2 through to 14**

Weighting: **50%**

**Team project. New Venture ideas and start-up**

Due: Weeks 2 to Week 14

Weighting: 50% (25 + 25)

This assessment comes in **two parts**. The first part is the pitch presentation of your business and the second part is the written business report of your new venture project.

**All students will join a team to form a new venture.** You will remain together in your team for the entire duration of the unit. It is important that you assemble a team of diverse, energetic, creative and vibrant team members each with different skill sets and drive that they bring to your new venture. Actively seek diversity as it improves innovativeness.

Part 1: Business Pitch Presentation (Individual mark worth 25%)

Due: **Week 11**

15-minutes per team presentation during class time. BEFORE the pitch presentation, you must submit your team’s powerpoint slides on iLearn Discussion Forum. Your powerpoint
presentation must not contain more than 12 slides. Penalty applies if powerpoint slides are not uploaded before the pitch presentation. All students must be present in during Pitch presentations. Absence without approved “Special Considerations” will be awarded 0 marks. Refer to Assessment guidelines posted on iLearn.

Each entrepreneurial team must give a stand-up presentation of its new business venture in a pitch presentation. This presentation aims to impress and convince "investors" to invest in your venture. Marks are awarded based on individual presentation even though this assessment is a team business pitch presentation. Strategize and make every effort to capture the confidence and imagination of your audience, your potential investors. Be creative, professional and credible. Each and every team member must be involved in the pitch presentation. The feedback from the presentation will be useful in refining the written report, which is part 2 of the team project.

More details about this assessment will be presented in class and on iLearn.

Part 2: Written report (Team mark worth 25%)

Due: The written report is due Week 14, Monday 12 Nov by 9am. Submit through turnitin on our iLearn site.

Late reports will incur a 10% penalty per 24-hour period that they are late. Weekend days and public holidays each count as one day. Penalty does not apply in cases in which an application for Special Consideration is made and approved prior to the submission due date. If the revised extended deadline is not met, late penalty applies. Refer to Assessment guidelines posted on iLearn.

Your new venture business report is a professional document that presents your business opportunity within a framework that includes business models. These business models should show how value is created, delivered and captured. Your new venture will encompass entrepreneurial creativity in solving a problem and/or identifying gaps that are not filled by the current market. Your entrepreneurial new venture can be a commercial venture focused on financial rewards or a social venture to deliver social good.

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Paper review and critique

Due: Week 14, November 16 by 9am
Weighting: 50%

**Paper review and critique**

**Due: Week 14, Friday 16 November by 9am**

Weighting: 50%

Maximum **2000 +/- 10% word limit**, excluding references and appendices. Penalty of 10% applies for exceeding word count. **Word count must be indicated on the first page of your report.**

This assessment requires you to read the paper Lundmark, E., Krzeminska, A., & Shepherd, D. A. (2017). Images of Entrepreneurship: Exploring Root Metaphors and Expanding Upon Them, published in *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, and write a review and critique of this paper based on your knowledge of entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship. Source from multiple areas of information such as academic peer-reviewed journals, web links, industry reports, government report, and popular media to support your analysis. All sourced content must be referenced appropriately using Harvard style format.

All students must submit their Essay with reflections through turnitin using the link on iLearn by Friday November 16, 9am. No extension will be granted. Late reports will incur a 10% penalty per 24-hour period that they are late. Weekend day and public holidays each count as one day. Penalty does not apply in cases in which an application for special consideration is made and approved. If the revised extended deadline is not met, late penalty applies. Refer to Assessment guidelines posted on iLearn.

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**Delivery and Resources**


This Unit is taught by a mix of lecture-style and interactive delivery with group discussions. Lectures are used to present concepts, theories and tools to provide the framework to pursue entrepreneurial activities. Class activities will be interactive and students can learn best by actively participating in these activities. Participation and learning will be most productive if students complete the required readings BEFORE class.

**Required Textbook:**

[https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/83672/unit_guide/print](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/83672/unit_guide/print)

Additional readings:
Additional required or suggested readings will be made available on iLearn.

Weekly attendance and active participation are critical to your learning outcomes and performance in this Unit. Students are expected to arrive on time and not leave until the class ends. If you have a recurring problem with class attendance, please seek advice and apply for special considerations.

Suggested Academic Journals for reading and research:
- Entrepreneurship, Theory and Practice
- Harvard Business Review
- Journal of Business Venturing
- Journal of Business Venturing Insights
- Journal of Small Business Management
- International Small Business Journal
- Small Business Economics

Additional relevant resources
- Global Entrepreneurship Monitor: http://www.gemconsortium.org/
- ABS, Australian: http://www.abs.gov.au
- Check iLearn for updates

Unit Web Page
Please note that the unit’s logon iLearn address is: http://ilearn.mq.edu.au Please check this site each week for lecture slides (available for downloading and printing). In addition, other notes will be posted on the site from time to time. It is incumbent upon each student to regularly check iLearn (i.e. at least once a week). Where stated in your assessments, you must upload your reports through the appropriate Turnitin link. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR ASSESSMENTS TO THE CORRECT TURNITIN LINK. Failure to do so will result in a loss of marks.

Technology Use
Students are expected to have knowledge of working with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint Also it is expected that students get themselves familiar with iLearn, Google Scholar, and other
required online databases.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central ([https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central)). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway ([https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway)). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central ([https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central)).

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct](https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct).

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.
Student Enquiry Service
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills
Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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• Paper review and critique
PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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