

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

Entrepreneurship 1: Process, creativity and innovation 810 (GIE 810)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Module credits	9.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Gordon Institute of Business S
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

In this course students will be introduced to the process that an entrepreneur engages in when launching a new business venture. In examining this process students will examine what other local and global entrepreneurs have done in establishing their business so as to learn from the success and failure of others and to begin to map out a path for themselves. Students will also be required to examine their own strengths, weaknesses and personal preferences so as to develop a high level of self-awareness that will enable them to critically consider whether they truly wish to embark on an entrepreneurial journey and so that they can begin to create an entrepreneurial development plan. The aim of the course is to provide students with an appreciation of how an entrepreneur needs to integrate different skills, disciplines and perspectives in identifying an opportunity for a new business and acting on that opportunity to launch and grow the venture. The course will introduce students to various frameworks for new venture creation so that they can understand and appreciate how the other MBA courses will contribute to their development as an entrepreneur. Students will be introduced to the principles of creativity and to frameworks for understanding how innovation creates value and competitive advantage in a business context.

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