Course syllabus 3PO401 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Course title in Czech: Inovace a podnikání

Course title in English: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Number of ECTS credits

allocated:

5 (1 ECTS credit = 26 hours of workload)

Mode of delivery: full-time; 2/2 (hours of lectures per week / hours of seminars per

week) as semestral course

Level of course

and year of

study:

master (second cycle): 1

Aims of the course:

This course focuses on acquiring competences useful in innovative entrepreneurship. Today's competitive environment requires organizations to systematically and continuously innovate to maintain a competitive advantage. This course offers a systemic view of innovation as a deliberate and controlled organizational process. It looks at how innovation can be managed and implemented through projects. A key part of the course is group work in which students develop an innovation project proposal for a specific organization. Through this problem-oriented work, students acquire the highly transferable ability to develop an innovation project.

The course content is divided into four modules. The first module presents a broad view of innovation with an emphasis on project approach. The second module focuses on the organisational environment for which innovations are designed (e.g. business processes, innovation culture). The third module deals with the implementation and evaluation of innovations. The fourth module discusses current innovation trends such as digital innovation or Industry 4.0. Sustainability and ethics are also emphasised. The course involves practitioners who convey current topics in innovation management.

Overall, the course provides an overview of the innovation process from conception to implementation through projects with a theoretical and practical dimension that is relevant to students regardless of their role in the organisation.

Learning outcomes and competences:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify and defend an opportunity for innovation for a specific organizational context.
- Develop an innovation project plan for a specific organizational setting.
- Plan and conduct small-scale empirical research to support an innovation proposal.
- Apply concepts to systematically map the context for innovation.
- Explain the specifics associated with selected types of innovation (e.g., process innovation, digital innovation).

Course contents:

Module 1: Innovation through Projects

- 1.Innovation through projects
- 2.Design thinking and user research
- 3. Stage-gate, portfolios, and agile systems

Module 2: Innovation in organisations

- 4.Innovation strategies, organisational culture
- 5. Business processes and process innovation
- 6. Business model innovation
- 7. Open innovation and ecosystems

Module 3: Implementation and evaluation

- 8. Financing and implementation
- 9. Diffusion, adoption, and measuring innovation outcomes

Module 4: Innovation topics

- 10. Digital innovation and transformation
- 11. AI, machine learning, and industry 4.0
- 12. Ethics and sustainability of innovation

Learning activities, teaching methods and workload (hours):

Type of teaching method	Daily	
	attendance	
Participation in lectures	26 h	
Attendance at seminars/workshops/tutorials	26 h	
Preparation for seminars/workshops/tutorials	16 h	
Preparation of presentation	10 h	
Preparation for final test	22 h	
Innovation project development	30 h	
Total	130 h	

Assessment methods and criteria:

Requirement type	Daily
	attendance
Active lecture/seminar/workshop/tutorial participation	10 %
Presentation	20 %
Final test	30 %
Innovation project elaboration	40 %
Total	100 %

Reading:

Type	Author	Title	ISBN
RQ	BESSANT, J. R.; TIDD, Joseph	Innovation and entrepreneurship	978-1-
			118-
			99309-5
RQ	DOLEŽAL, Jan	Projektový management	978-80-
			271-
			3619-3
RE	CHESBROUGH, Henry William	Open services innovation:	978-0-
		rethinking your business to grow	470-
		and compete in a new era	90574-6
RE	DRUCKER, Peter Ferdinand	Innovation and entrepreneurship:	978-1-
		practice and principles	138-
			01919-5
RE	ŠPAČEK, Miroslav; ČERVENÝ,	Kreativní metody v inovacích	978-80-
	Karel		245-
			2322-4
RE	LOCH, Christoph H.; MEYER,	Managing the unknown: a new	0-471-
	Arnoud de; PICH, Michael T.	approach to managing high	69305-7
		uncertainty and risk in projects	
RE	BESSANT, J. R.; TIDD, Joseph	Managing innovation: integrating	978-1-
		technological, market and	118-
		organizational change	36063-7
RE	CSIK, Michaela;	The business model navigator : 55	978-1-
	FRANKENBERGER, Karolin;	models that will revolutionise	292-
	GASSMANN, Oliver	your business	06581-6
RE	CHRISTENSEN, Clayton M.;	The innovator's solution : creating	978-1-
	RAYNOR, Michael E.	and sustaining successful growth	4221-
			9657-1

RQ required RE recommended