

GE 401 – 402 INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP I-II

2019 – 2020 Course Presentation

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GE 401 Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship I – Course Description

Sequence of two courses GE 401: Fall, GE 402: Spring
From the conception of **an idea** to a **marketable end product** within the framework of a **simulated start-up company**. Inception of a start-up company. Entrepreneurial processes, business plan preparation; fundamentals of project management; product design stages; incorporation of standards, quality directives, social and environmental factors. Seminars by experts in the field. Concept demonstration of the end-product.

Prerequisites: Each department has its own prerequisites.

GE 401 Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship I – Course Description

- This is a 3 credit course (per semester)
- This is a two-term course, ie: **GE401 and GE402 must be taken consecutively.**
- Multidisciplinary course: 7 different departments from 4 different faculties

GE 401 – 402 Participating Departments

- Communication and Design
- Computer Engineering
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Industrial Engineering
- Management

GE401 and GE402 can be taken as :

- **In Electrical Engineering;** Project Elective. Alternatives: EE491 and EEE495 sequence or EEE493 – EEE494 sequence,
- **In Computer Engineering;** Project Elective. Alternative: CS491 – CS492 sequence,
- **In Industrial Engineering;** Project Elective. Alternative: IE477 – IE478 sequence,
- **In Management;** Unrestricted Major elective course,

GE401 and GE402 can be taken as :

- **In Graphic Design;** Restricted Elective course,
 - **In Communication and Design;** Elective courses,
 - **In Economics;** Restricted and Unrestricted Elective courses.
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GE 401 – 402 Prerequisites

- **EE Students:**
 - EEE212 – Microprocessors
 - EEE313 – Electronic Circuit Design
 - EEE321 – Signals and Systems
- **CS Students:**
 - CS202 – Fundamental Structures of Computer Science II
 - CS319 – Object-Oriented Software Engineering
- **IE Students;**
 - IE271 – Operations Analysis and Design
 - IE375 – Production Planning

GE 401 – 402 Prerequisites

- **MAN Students:**
 - MAN321 – Corporate Finance
- **ECON Students:**
 - ECON301 – Econometrics I
- **GRA Students;**
 - GRA301 – Graphic Design III
- **COMD Students;**
 - COMD305 – Digital Video Production I

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GE 401-402 Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship I – II, Course Objectives

- Foster your innovation and entrepreneurship abilities
- Enhance your ability of assessing the commercial viability of a new technology based idea.
- Learn basic processes/activities of a start-up company
- Developing identity for your team (name, logo, webpage etc)

GE 401-402 Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship I – II, Course Objectives

- Developing business plans
- Learn product development processes
- Understanding of processes of bringing new knowledge or new technology to the market.
- **Participate in a interdisciplinary project team**

GE 401-402 Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship I – II, Course Objectives

- Capstone Design Course for CS, EE, IE departments
 - Identify and formulate an engineering problem by specifying requirements and constraints
 - Design an engineering system/product to meet these specifications/requirements within constraints

GE 401-402 Innovative Design and Entrepreneurship I – II, Course Objectives

- Capstone Design Course for CS, EE, IE departments
 - Implement the design on a hardware and test it against requirements/specifications by performing appropriate observations and measurements
 - Apply project management and execution methodology
 - Apply configuration management and quality

Team Structure

- **Students form their team**
- Maximum of 6 Students, Minimum of 5 students
- Students from at least 3 different departments in the team
- **Maximum of 2 Students from a single department**
- Total of maximum 2 students from MAN and ECON
- Total of maximum one student from GRA and COMD

Team Structure

- Maximum one student from Industrial Engineering Department if there is MAN or ECON student in the team
- Diversity is desired to promote multidisciplinary structure
- **FORM YOUR TEAM UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF FALL SEMESTER**

Project Idea

- **Students propose project ideas.**
- **Project: identifying and validating the need/problem of target customer, formulating the solution by specifying the product, design, development, testing of this product, business plan development, identity development**
- **Instructors act as advisors/mentors to the students**
- **Sell the idea to course instructors and get venture capital.**

Project

- **Students propose a project idea.**
- Value proposition is very important:
 - Who will use? (Target customer)
 - For what? (Problem/need or opportunity associated with target customer and your initial solution)
 - Why should they use/prefer your product? (Comparison with competitors with your key differentiation)

Project

- **Students propose a project idea**
 - Work on different functions of a running startup company while realizing the project
 - Complete, demonstrate and validate the product at the end of the year (This is a must)
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Project

- Innovative!
- Innovative means – examples:
 - A new idea,
 - A new process,
 - An idea that makes production easier or makes life easier for mankind
 - To sum up; something that makes life easier for the mankind-i.e., something that makes money or saves money.

Course Structure/Activities

- Project Idea Proposition
 - Target Customer
 - Problem/need of the target customer
 - Your solution, proposition
 - Comparison with competitors with your key differentiation
- Revision/Validation of your idea (Entrepreneurial Process)
 - Customer interviews
 - Hypothesis testing
 - Revision of your hypothesis
 - Validation of your hypothesis

Course Structure/Activities

- Defining your product
 - Requirements (basic functions and operational/performance requirements)
 - Specifications (technical description of your product)
- Developing identity of your team/company
 - Name (company/product)
 - Logo (company/product)
 - Communications templates etc.

Course Structure

- Business Plan
 - Organizational plan
 - Marketing Plan
 - Financial Plan
- Design and Development of your Product
 - QFD and technical specifications
 - Design
 - Development
 - Test
 - Quality

Course web page: <http://ge402.bilkent.edu.tr>

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In class pitch to classmates																Team	12
Short case study report																Individual	6
In-Class Quizzes																Individual	12
Initial business model hypotheses (with respect to value proposition and customer segments)																Team	30
Three weekly interview debriefs and entrepreneurial learning notes																Team	36
Revised idea statement and updated business model hypotheses																Team	30
Preliminary Presentation																Team	48
Product Requirements																Team	36
Product Specifications																Individual	36
Preliminary Design																Individual	18
Subassembly Specifications (HW)																Individual	18

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Software Module and Task Specifications (SW)																Individual	18
QFD Report																Individual	24
Organizational Plan																Individual	18
Marketing Plan																Individual	30
Quality Plan																Individual	24
Company Name																Team	6
Designers Brief - Logotype Sketches																Individual	12
Logotype Single Sheet																Individual	12
Standard Communications																Individual	6
Web Design Production plan and schedule																Individual	6
Final Report																Team	42
Final Presentation/Demo																Team	60
Weekly Lab Reports																Individual	30
Peer Grading																Individual	30

GE402 ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE, GRADING TYPE & POINTS

(Date: March 14, 2019)

WEEK NUMBER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16+			
Approx. Date	13-Feb-19	20-Feb-19	27-Feb-19	6-Mar-19	13-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	27-Mar-19	3-Apr-19	10-Apr-19	17-Apr-19	24-Apr-19	1-May-19	8-May-19	15-May-19	22-May-19	29-May-19	Grading Type	Points	Percent
Progress Report																	Team	24	4
Corporate Identity Revision																	Individual	6	1
Traders Conference Materials																	Individual	6	1
Test Interview																	Individual	18	3
Company Web page																	Individual	24	4
Traders Conference Pres. + Demo																	Team	48	8
Test Report																	Individual	12	2
Final Design Document																	Individual	30	5
Financial Plan																	Individual	30	5
Acceptance Test / Product Demo																	Individual	42	7
Quality Certification																	Individual	12	2
Configuration Management																	Individual	18	3
Production Plan																	Individual	24	4
Final Presentation + Product Demo																	Team	60	10
Final Report																	Team	42	7
Revised Business Plan																	Individual	24	4
Weekly Lab Reports																	Individual	42	7
Stock Market Grade																	Team	54	9
Investor Evaluations																	Team	54	9
Peer Grading																	Individual	30	5

Grading

- Each activity will be graded,
- Grade types:
 - Team grades (examples);
 - Entrepreneurial process grades,
 - Presentation grades,
 - Some Reports grades
 - Final report grades
 - Individual grades, examples;
 - Product Development Documents, Business plan etc
 - Peer grades,
 - Lab grades,

Grading

- Total Grade Point:
Team grade + Individual Grade + Peer Grade;
- Total Grade Point : a guiding number for letter grades. The letter grades will be decided by the all course instructors taking into account the student's grade and his/her performance at his/her discipline

Peer Grades

- Students evaluate their teammates at the end of each term,
- The evaluation must be impartial and unbiased,
- Each student must contribute to the team as much as possible and the contribution must be reflected in the peer grades

Course Organization

- SEMINARS
 - WORKSHOPS
 - VIRTUAL STOCK MARKET (second semester)
 - DEMONSTRATIONS
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Course Organization

- COACHING:
 - Each activity will be coached/mentored by the corresponding discipline
 - Meetings with instructors from EE, CS, IE, MAN and COMD
 - EE and CS students meet regularly at EE102 on Fridays at 15.40
 - EE and CS students can work on their projects at EE102 during free hours (7/24 allocated table for each team)

Benefits to Students

- This course gives you the chance to work in a simulated start-up company environment from its start!
- Learn diverse aspects of turning your tech idea to a marketable product
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Project and team (especially multi-disciplinary) management,
- Simultaneous emphasis on the originality and the marketability of an idea,

Benefits to Students

- Hands-on project execution experience
- Up-to-date information from distinguished speakers on practical matters of forming and running a company
- **Teams who are accepted to take this course and register to BiGG Marka will be eligible to take first phase training of BiGG program**
- **Other funding mechanisms will be available**

How to proceed?

- Form your team (until the beginning of Fall Semester, there will be a team formation meeting in the first week)
- Develop tech based start – up ideas (you will validate and may pivot during the first 3-4 weeks of the course)
- Fill in proposal form(s) for your idea(s)
- We will evaluate your preparedness in the first week

Where To Look For Ideas

- Internet (Just for inspiration)
- GE 401 – 402 web site: <http://ge402.bilkent.edu.tr/>
- FP7 and H2020
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>
- Eurostars – Eureka
<https://www.eurostars-eureka.eu>
- NSF SBIR
<http://www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/sbir/>