Course Descriptions and Objectives

The social sector is making a concerted effort to sustain and, indeed, amplify its impact, applying specific business principles that translate effectively and have been proven in the private sector. Specifically, progressive social organizations are seeking to be more entrepreneurial in the manner in which they run their nonprofit businesses. This movement is commonly called social enterprise. Although there are a variety of definitions of social enterprise, the most common theme is the notion of delivering blended value. Also known as the “double bottom line” or even “triple bottom line”, a commitment to blended value purports to encompass the financial impact familiar to any for-profit organization but also considers social and even environmental impacts familiar to nonprofits. A blended value approach links the profitability and sustainability of a social venture with its commitment to social change.

The purpose of this course is to (1) understand the theory of social enterprise and to be able to develop a business plan for a social enterprise project, (2) develop your interpersonal and communication skills, (3) offer you the opportunity to interact with individuals in a non-profit organization or the social innovation program on “real” organizational problems or issues that your team is asked to help address, (4) develop your ability to function as a member of a creative team charged with finding the best solution for an organizational issue, (5) to develop your presentation skills and prepare and deliver team presentations to the group sponsoring your project. This course will also give you the opportunity to (1) learn time management skills, (2) use your creativity, and (3) problem solve.

Expectations
1. You are expected to attend all classes (prepared to discuss assigned material) and meet the obligations that you commit to as a team member and as an individual within that team.

2. You will be assigned to a team and therefore team dynamics will be an ongoing part of this course.
   If your team is experiencing problems please do not wait until the end of the semester to bring these issues to the attention of Dr. Tansky.

3. Your team will be expected to deliver a written document as well as a presentation by the end of the quarter.

Absolutely no cell phones in class – they cause too much disturbance

Assignments and Grades

Your grade for the course will be based on the following:

40 points -- Attendance and participation (you may be called on in class to answer questions and will be tracked on participation – you must attend the entire class)
40 points – Feb. 19 - 5 minute group presentation – describe your deliverables and how you plan to approach your project with a timeline.
40 points – March 5 – 10 minute group presentation of status of project. All must present
40 points – Wed March 26 – 10 minute group presentation – status of project all present
40 points – practice presentation – April 16
100 points – Group Presentation – April 23 all must present
100 points -- Written report – due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 1
50 points -- Evaluation by team members due 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 1
50 points -- Thought piece – you will be given several options around the topic of social enterprise for a 2 to 3 page paper – due Tuesday, May 1

Grading Scale:

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Directions below to print off "The Link Between Competitive Advantage and Corporate Social Responsibility" by Michael Porter and Mark Kramer.

1. Go to http://library.osu.edu/
2. Search all for Harvard Business Review
3. Click view me for Harvard Business Review (second box if like mine)
4. Access journal Business Source Complete Database
5. Log in
6. Find year and then volume – find article

As above, “Creating Shared Value”, Michael Porter and Mark R. Kramer, Harvard Business Review,
Jan./Feb. 2011

Recommended books:

1. **Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap . . . and Others Don’t** – Jim Collins  
   Based on a five-year research project, *Good to Great* answers the question: “Can a good company become a great company, and, if so, how?” True to the rigorous research methodology and invigorating teaching style of Jim Collins, *Good to Great* teaches how even the dowdiest of companies can make the leap to outperform market leaders the likes of Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck.


> “. . . an increasing number of forward-looking nonprofits are beginning to appreciate the increased revenue, focus and effectiveness that can come from adopting "for profit" business approaches. Increasingly, they are reinventing themselves as social entrepreneurs, combining ‘the passion of a social mission with an image of business-like discipline, innovation, and determination.’”  
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> J. Gregory Dees, Duke University

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