

MDIA1007

Media Entrepreneurship

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Course Overview

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Course Details

Units of Credit 6

Summary of the Course

In this course, you will launch your own start-up. Sound ambitious? Thanks to the use of approaches from lean start-up and design thinking, it's simpler than you might think. Here's how it works: In the early weeks of term, you'll devise and launch a bare-bones version of an original start-up idea which solves a specific problem for a niche group of customers, users or beneficiaries. During the rest of term, you'll engage in a series of experiments to test the riskiest assumptions underpinning your plan, pivoting your idea depending on what you discover. Hands-on support and guidance will be provided by your teachers—along with experts from UNSW's Founder Programme—every step of the way. In addition to being a lot of fun, this course will teach you critical transferable skills such as website building, explainer video production, interviewing, pitching, and how to make epic failure your friend! You will also learn why entrepreneurial skills have become essential for forging a contemporary career in the media and communications sector (and in most other industries) regardless of whether you want to work within an existing company or build your own empire from the ground up.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the central role played by entrepreneurship in an era of rapid and ongoing industry change and digital disruption
2. Critically examine and apply approaches from lean start-up and design thinking
3. Devise, launch, test, and iterate an original idea for a new start-up
4. Apply critical entrepreneurial skills including pitch deck design, website building, explainer video production, user/customer/stakeholder interviewing, assumption-testing, and pitching

Teaching Strategies

In this hands-on course you will work independently, in teams, and in a variety of classroom environments in order to develop the knowledge, skills, drive, self-direction, and agility needed for success in real-world media entrepreneurship.

Assessment

Just a quick heads-up that Assessment Task Two for this course includes a Leadership & Participation component that (a) requires weekly entries and (b) will be extremely difficult to complete if you don't come to the online lectures and tutorials for this course at their scheduled times (see the Attendance section for more info).

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Course Learning Outcomes Assessed
1. Case Study	40%	08/10/2021 05:00 PM	1, 2, 4
2. Start-Up Proposal and Entrepreneurial Journey	60%	26/11/2021 05:00 PM	1, 2, 3, 4

Assessment 1: Case Study

Due date: 08/10/2021 05:00 PM

Students research an existing company and present findings in the form of a slide deck.

Word length/Duration: Strictly 10 slides

Percentage: 40%

Feedback via LMS

This is not a Turnitin assignment

Assessment 2: Start-Up Proposal and Entrepreneurial Journey

Due date: 26/11/2021 05:00 PM

This assignment is based on the original start-up idea students devise, launch, and test over term. It includes various reports, web site links, and a video pitch.

The length/duration of this significant assessment will inevitably vary.

Percentage: 60%

Feedback via LMS

Attendance Requirements

Here at Media Entrepreneurship central, all tutes and lectures will be online in T3.

While it's ace we can all keep education-ing in our PJs and bed hair, this course is **extremely** hands-on, which means **you'll need to commit to coming to the online lectures and tutes at the times they're scheduled.**

Promise we'll make it worth your while! (Check out [this clip](https://www.dropbox.com/s/rmu0ygk0p6lbi2l/mdia1007%20welcome%202021.mp4?dl=0) - the URL is <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rmu0ygk0p6lbi2l/mdia1007%20welcome%202021.mp4?dl=0> - for a sneak preview of what's in store...)

Bestest

Emma

Course convenor and start-up nerd



Resources

Prescribed Resources

Please see course Moodle site.

Recommended Resources

Please see course Moodle site.

Course Evaluation and Development

Most of the feedback from students about the 2020 iteration of MDIA1007 was super positive! We did, however, receive some comments about:

- start-up team members not pulling their weight;
- confusion during the weeks in which start-up teams were required to work independently;
- the relevance of having an entrepreneurship course in Bachelor of Media degrees, and
- how come [Emma's monster dog Bex](https://www.emmajane.info/puppy-dogs) (<https://www.emmajane.info/puppy-dogs>) didn't play a larger role in the course.

To address these issues, in the 2021 remix of Media Entrepreneurship we have:

- changed the way start-up teams are formed to ensure a better fit between team members;
- reduced the number of weeks start-up teams need to work independently as well as increasing the online support available during these weeks;
- included more info about why and how learning entrepreneurship will super-charge your job prospects not just in journalism, PR, and advertising - but in a whole bunch of other industry sectors, as well; and
- made sure Bex makes a whole lot more course cameos.

In the meantime, if you have any feedback about the course over term, please let us know! As you'll soon discover, MDIA1007 is all about eyeballing rapidly changing landscapes, seeking and listening to feedback, and making changes on the run. As such, if something isn't working for you in this subject, shout out and we'll do our damndest to accommodate your requests!

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

Copying: Using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment without appropriate acknowledgement.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original information, structure and/or progression of ideas of the original without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: Working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student for the purpose of them plagiarising, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): Submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices

The [UNSW Academic Skills support](#) offers resources and individual consultations. Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study. One of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library has [the ELISE tool](#) available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study. Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time
- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Academic Information

Due to evolving advice by NSW Health, students must check for updated information regarding online learning for all Arts, Design and Architecture courses this term (via Moodle or course information provided.)

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

<https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/>

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