

Business Consulting Toolkit

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Course Goals

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Previous knowledge

Strategic Consulting Mindset is a solid basis of previous knowledge for this Course, as an introduction to the Consulting industry, Consulting Firms and Consulting Engagements. It provides the necessary foundations of strategic thinking-process, problem-solving, strategic formulations, market analysis, financial analysis among other pertinent subjects.

Also some knowledge of Management, Marketing, Accounting and Finances could be very useful.

Prerequisites

Strategic Consulting Mindset Course is highly recommended

Teaching methodology

Course methodology includes:

- Tools
- Frameworks
- Group presentations
- Practical Exam

Description

Course contribution to program

This Course is the second Module of the Consulting Minor, after Strategic Consulting Mindset

Short description

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Content

#	Topic
1	Introduction to Consulting Projects and Phase 1: Scope of the Project 1.1. Understand the client and Manage Project Scope: - Types of Projects - Phases of the Consulting Projects - Project Planning - Problem understanding and framing (Scope of the Project) - Manage Expectations
2	Phase 1.2. Industry expertise: - Becoming an expert in 1 week - Consulting Firm internal resources - Artificial Intelligence tools (1/2) - Interviews (1/2)
3	Phase 2: Diagnosis. 2.1. Company Analysis: - Introduction to Diagnosis - Company documentation and systems - Interviews (2/2) - Excel (1/3) - Diagnosis frameworks
4	Phase 2: Diagnosis. 2.2. Market Analysis: - External Sources of information - Market analysis foundations - Excel (2/3)
5	Phase 2: Diagnosis. 2.3. Benchmarking: - Industry Best practices - External benchmarks - Artificial Intelligence tools (2/2) - Power Point (1/2)
6	Diagnosis Competition: - Modeling Competition - Simulation of real case
7	Phase 3: Dream (Strategic Alternatives): - Strategic Alternatives - Scenario simulation - Design thinking workshops - Power Point (2/2)
8	Phase 4: Implementation: - Roadmap - Waterfall & Agile - Excel (3/3)
9	Phase 5: Closing and follow-up: - Project closing - Post-mortem and feedback - Follow-up and monitoring - PowerBI
10	Final Exam: - Practical Exam - Course Wrap-up

Assessment

Tool	Assessment tool	Category	Weight %
Group project	Group Project (including Peer Evaluation)	Ordinary round	40.00%
Quizzes/tests	Practical Exam	Ordinary round	40.00%

Tool	Assessment tool	Category	Weight %
In-class analysis and discussion of issues	Active participation in class	Ordinary round	20.00%

PROGRAMS

BBA20-Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Undergraduates: Business)

BBA20 Year 4 (Optative)

BBA20 Year 1 (Optative)

BBA20 Year 3 (Optative)

BBA23-Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (Undergraduates: Business)

BBA23 Year 3 (Optative)

BBA23 Year 4 (Optative)

DBAI21-Double Degree in Business Administration and Artificial Intelligence for Business (Undergraduates: Business)

DBAI21 Year 4 (Optative)

GBD20-Double Degree in Business Administration and Law (Undergraduates: Law)

GBD20 Year 4 (Optative)

GBD20 Year 1 (Optative)