## STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLANNING Course Introduction

Overview	<ul> <li>Participants apply "problem solving" techniques to complex and multi-faceted business situations that go deeper/wider than scenarios experienced in the essential level.</li> <li>Follows directly from both essential level strategy and essential level marketing courses, but includes more sophisticated business analysis, marketing and strategy concepts with goal of completing a market-oriented strategic business plan in a PC-based team simulation over last 6 weeks of course.</li> <li>2 modules: Learning and application</li> <li>Module One focuses on problem solving, strategy, marketing, finance</li> <li>Module Two applies these concepts to real-world business simulation</li> <li>Simulation manual, course textbook for strategy, marketing, finance</li> <li>Teaches building business plan considering overall company situation</li> </ul>
Topics	MODULE 1: (5 sessions) Basic Learning / Strategic Business Planning & Business Simulation Teaches how to solve inter-connected business problems in complex business situations and how to build a strategic business plan. Cases: "Apple Inc.", "Toyota", "Matsushita Electric", and Annual Report (Summaries): Sony Corporation & Nissan Motor MODULE 2: (5 sessions)
	Application / Business Simulation and Building Strategic Business Plan Applies Module 1 learning in a real world situation (StratSim simulation) covering all functional areas of a business. Teams make decisions through 6 simulation years, build/present new strategic business plan for future. Cases: "Gap", "Renault-Nissan Alliance", and "StratSim" simulation
	<b>Tools utilized</b> : Problem solving; Situation analysis (SWOT, vision/mission statements, 5-forces, value chain); Marketing (marketing strategy, segment, product life cycle, 4Ps); Finance (cash flow, breakeven, value creation)
In-Class	Interactive course combines short lectures with practical in-class activities / business cases, and ongoing PC simulation. Classes end with team projects
	3 or 4 hours per week preparation including assigned exercises, reading materials, answering pre-assigned questions, and working on PC simulation.
Class Time	Saturdays 10:00 – 12:40 *10 weekly sessions
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## STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLANNING Course Syllabus

Week1	Course Overview / Problem solving basics
	Problem Solving & Strategic Business Planning
	TEAM PROJECT:
	Review Sony Corporation's 2005 (Revival) Business Plan
	*Team projects most weeks in final 60 minutes of class on day's topic
Week2	Strategic tools – Where now & Where to go / CASE STUDY
	Environmental analysis / SWOT-TOWS analyses & Vision / Mission Case HBS " <i>Apple Inc.</i> "
Week3	
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	Case "Apple Inc."
Week4	Marketing & Strategic business planning / CASE STUDY
	Consumer/product relationship, market segmentation, product life cycle, 4Ps
	Case <u>Toyota: Driving the Mainstream Market to Purchase Hybrid Vehicles</u>
Week5	Finance & Strategic business planning / CASE STUDY
	Financial statements, cash flow analysis, value creation & biz planning
	Case "Transformation of Matsushita Electric Co., Ltd."
Week6	Simulation - Putting it all together / Mid-term review
	SIMULATION – Team planning & Practice decision-making round
	SIMULATION – Year 1 – 1st round decisions
Week7	Simulation – Putting it all together / CASE STUDY
	SIMULATION – Year 2 – 2nd round decisions
	Case " <u>Gap, Inc.</u> "
Week8	Simulation – Putting it all together / CASE STUDY
	SIMULATION – Year 3 – 3rd round decisions
	SIMULATION – Year 4 – 4th round decisions
	Case " <u>The Renault-Nissan Alliance</u> "
Week9	Simulation / Strategic business plan – Preparation for presentation
	SIMULATION – Year 5 – 5th round decisions
	SIMULATION – Year 6 – 6th round decisions
	SIMULATION – Strategic business plan / Prepare presentation for Week 10
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Week10	Simulation / Strategic business plan – Final presentation SIMULATION – Final team presentation on future strategic business plan
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