**BA 260: Fall 2023**

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

**Instructor: Ian Priestman**

**Class**: Online. **CRN**: 23057

 In class **CRN**: 28369. 3 - 4:50pm T/R

**Office hours:** T / R 2:30- 3pm, 5 - 5:30pm

M/W 3:30 - 4pm. 5:30 - 6pm

One hour by appointment

Zoom link (if needed) https://linnbenton.zoom.us/j/117682848

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**Course Name.** BA 260ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

**Credits** 4

**Course Materials:**

**Text: Entrepreneurship. Publisher:** Openstax

[Entrepreneurship - OpenStax](https://openstax.org/details/books/entrepreneurship)

**Hardcover:**

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#### **Digital:**

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**Course Description:**

Focuses on the entrepreneurial phases associated with the start-up and management of small business. This course will teach future entrepreneurs and managers to recognize opportunities and to use effective entrepreneurial and small business management practices.

**Student Learning Outcomes**:

Students will:

1. List and discuss the characteristics of successful entrepreneurs.
2. Analyze new business opportunities that exist in the marketplace.
3. Evaluate the feasibility of pursuing an opportunity that has been recognized.
4. Develop a business plan that includes both conceptual and technical components.
5. Identify and discuss obstacles to entrepreneurial success.
6. Identify the resources and financing necessary to start an entrepreneurial venture.
7. Discuss organizational characteristics and best management practices for start-up companies.

**BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS**

By signing up for this class, the student is agreeing to manage their own learning. Part of this responsibility is managing their own time and their role in a group assignment. It is the student’s responsibility to keep on top of homework assignments, announcements, handouts and note taking.

No grades can be given without evidence that an assignment was completed. Moodle provides detailed time stamps of any student interactions with the program including visits to Moodle. If an assignment has been received, it will be time stamped by Moodle

**GRADING METHODS**

**1) Online Quizzes**

1.1 As your homework assignment, most weeks you will be expected to complete **open book, online quizzes (plural)**

1.2 As the quizzes are partly an exercise in completing work to deadlines, there are no late submissions under any circumstances (unless there is a problem with moodle that can be verified by the LBCC moodle administrator). My advice is to complete the quiz earlier rather than later in the week when family or computer problems may arise unexpectedly. There is no time deadline in taking the quiz within the week it is due

 **If you are having problems getting into the quiz then you must contact me before the quiz deadline. Contact need not be complicated if you are unwell. An email to priesti@linnbenton solely with the letter X as content will suffice.**

**Contacting me after the deadline suggests the quiz might have been missed.**

1.3 The web site for testing is called Moodle. Moodle reports and/or instructor word is final

1.4 At any time during the course, if you want to know whether there is a quiz currently on line, go on the course website on Moodle under the present week. You will not be expected to take a quiz if we have not covered the chapter

1.5 The answers to the quizzes will be published after the weekly quiz deadline.

1.6 You will be able to drop your lowest quiz score

1.7 Please check Moodle and your LBCC email for quiz notifications and reminders

1.8 Please check your grades weekly and address any issues before the course ends

**2) Group Assignment and Peer Group Assessment**

**YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO USE YOUR LBCC EMAIL FOR FIRST MEETINGS WITH YOUR GROUP. FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES, SEE STUDENT PROFILES - Left margin of moodle course home screen, under participants**

2.1 Your group will write a business plan (for a new business) and send it to the class Moodle site in week 11.

2.2 Every student must participate in the group assignment. **Students must not ‘go their own way’ on the group assignment. Group work requires a different skill set to individual assignments**

2.3 I will be forming the groups around week 3

2.4 It is your responsibility to manage your role in the group process. NO STUDENT CAN MAKE DECISIONS THAT INVOLVE OTHER STUDENTS. e.g. changing groups, isolating and ignoring group members

2.5 Documentation should be kept of group rules and meetings etc

2.6 From the 200 points available:

Within each group, 100 points will be awarded to each group member by each group member. This peer assessment process is confidential. NO PEER ASSESSMENT = NO GRADE

100 points will be awarded by the instructor over 3 submissions. Groups are expected to revise their work for the next submission if the instructor requests.

**3. DISCUSSION (ONLINE ONLY)**

**a. Main Post to the Discussion Board:**

Each discussion post should be between a minimum of 100 and maximum 200 words. You are able to marginally exceed the maximum to complete your answer. It is unlikely that an A (as the maximum grade) be obtained from a minimum of 100 words. I need you to write your own answers rather than 'patch write' where the majority of the posting, although credited, is taken from another source other than the student's own work.

Post answers on the discussion board by Thursday of each week to allow other students time to respond to your work.

 **b. Responses to other students on the discussion board.** You should respond to 4 student postings per chapter by Sunday midnight of each week. You should also respond to any questions from the instructor about your postings on the discussion board. A response should show substance by stating what you agree or disagree with regarding the posting and in some way advance the discussion. Responses limited to ‘Good Job’ ‘Way to go’ etc are not considered substantive responses. If a response could be applied to any subject e.g. scrap booking, flower arranging, then it is probably not content specific to entrepreneurship

Responses to other students should be 100-200 words. and do not require academic research sources. Responses of less than 100 words will be considered below the minimum.

**BUSINESS NEWS (In class only)**

Class members will be called upon twice to present one item of small business news as demonstrated by me in class, week 2. You should present the news, not read it word for word. This means you should familiarize yourself with the news item before class. 1 - 2 minutes duration

**GRADING :**

Online Quizzes 50%

Mid term: Multiple choice, open book 10

Discussion (online only) 10

Business News (IN CLASS ONLY) 10

Group Assignment (copy and presentation 10% each) 20 Peer group assessment 10 **TOTAL (Tentative) 100%**

**Please note: Your final grade will be calculated as a percentage**

**Grades:** A = 90-100%, B = 80-89.5 %, C = 70-79.5 %, D = 60-69.5 %, Fail = below 60%.

Grades are not ‘given’ by the instructor. Grades are earned by complying with the grading methods above. What is earned constitutes ‘where one lands’ in the grading scale above. No makeups. One rarely gets second chances in business ….and the stakes in business can be high.

An incomplete grade can only be given by negotiation and with 70 % of the course work submitted. Grades are not intended to be a starting point for negotiations for a better grade

**Changes to the Syllabus**

LBCC reserves the right to change the contents of this syllabus due to unforeseen circumstances. You will be given notice of relevant changes in class, through a Moodle Announcement, or through LBCC e-mail.

 **Class Schedule:** Please see the class homepage on moodle

**College Policies:**

LBCC Email and Course Communications

You are responsible for all communications sent via Moodle and to your LBCC email account. You are required to use your LBCC provided email account for all email communications at the College. You may access your LBCC student email account through Student Email and your Moodle account through Moodle.

## Statement of Inclusion

To promote academic excellence and learning environments that encourage multiple perspectives and the free exchange of ideas, all courses at LBCC will provide students the opportunity to interact with values, opinions, and/or beliefs different than their own in safe, positive and nurturing learning environments. LBCC is committed to producing culturally literate individuals capable of interacting, collaborating and problem-solving in an ever-changing community and diverse workforce.

## Title IX Reporting Policy

If you or another student are the victim of any form of sexual misconduct (including dating/domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment), or any form of gender discrimination, LBCC can assist you. You can [report](https://linnbenton-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/pid073717) a violation of our sexual misconduct policy directly to our Title IX Coordinator. You may also report the issue to a faculty member, who is required to notify the Coordinator, or you may make an appointment to speak confidentially to our Advising and Career Center by calling 541-917-4780.

**Public Safety/Campus Security/**[**Emergency Resources**](http://www.linnbenton.edu/public-safety-emergency-planning)**:**

In an emergency, call 911. Also, call LBCC Campus Security/Public Safety at 541-926-6855 and 541-917-4440. From any LBCC phone, you may alternatively dial extension 411 or 4440. LBCC has a [public safety app](http://lbccpublicsafety.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop) available for free. We encourage people to download it to their cell phones. Public Safety also is the home for LBCC's Lost & Found. They provide escorts for safety when needed. Visit them to learn more.

# **CAMPUS RESOURCES**

# **Learning Center**

Resources students may use that pertain to the class. Second Floor of Willamette Hall, Albany Campus - Entrance on Courtyard side

#### **Tel (541) 917-4684,** **learningcenterinfo@linnbenton.edu** FREE resources for academic achievement. We provide academic support services and a comfortable place to study. Please view each service area for the times that they are staffed.

**Writing Assistance**

<https://www.linnbenton.edu/current-students/study/learning-center/writing-assistance/>

## Library

[https://library.linnbenton.edu/](https://ousearch.omniupdate.com/texis/search/redir.html?query=library&pr=linn-benton&prox=page&rorder=500&rprox=750&rdfreq=500&rwfreq=750&rlead=750&rdepth=31&sufs=0&order=r&bestbet=library&groups=Default&u=https%3A//library.linnbenton.edu/)

Computers and printing available. Help desk

**Student help for moodle**

<https://sites.google.com/linnbenton.edu/lbcc-student-moodle-guides/home>

<https://moodle.linnbenton.edu/course/view.php?id=100>

**Tips for Success in this Class**

Come to class regularly

Arrive and leave on time

Do the homework to deadline, (earlier rather than later)

Be a good group member

Don’t be a ‘check in’ student - to be discussed in class

**Request for Special Needs or Accommodations (CFAR)**

Direct questions about or requests for special needs or accommodations to the LBCC Disability Coordinator, RCH-[105, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany, Oregon 97321](https://maps.google.com/?q=105,+6500+Pacific+Blvd.+SW,+Albany,+Oregon+97321&entry=gmail&source=g), Phone 541-917-4789 or via Oregon Telecommunications Relay TTD at 1-800-735-2900 or 1-800-735-1232. Make sign language interpreting or real-time transcribing requests 2-4 weeks in advance. Make all other requests at least 72 hours prior to the event. LBCC will make every effort to honor requests. LBCC is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

**LBCC Comprehensive Statement of Nondiscrimination**

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The college is committed to fostering a learning environment characterized by excellence in instruction and best practices in disability accommodation. We comply with local, state and federal law regarding students with disabilities, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).**  The law requires that no qualified student may be discriminated against based on disability and every student with a disability must be provided reasonable accommodations and an opportunity to participate fully in all activities and programs for which they are qualified with or without accommodation

Sorry all this sounds a bit formal but we must establish the ground rules before we proceed. Always remember that I’m on your side. **I’m always available during office hours to discuss anything that you do not understand. I do not care how many times you ask the same question or ask for help**.

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