

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**  
**NUS Business School**  
**Department of Marketing**

**TR3001 New Product Development**

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**AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

This is an experiential and entrepreneurial course that focuses on the conceptualization, design and development of new products that meet market demand. It integrates product planning, marketing, design and manufacturing functions for startups or SMEs.

Intensive workshops and field visits are included to enrich the field experience. The final presentation will be to the officers in charge of NUS Enterprise Practicum Grant.

This course is designed for students taking Minor in Technopreneurship, NOC (Singapore), Minor in Management of Technology or Double Major in Management (Technology); and undergraduates who are interested to learn and acquire the skills in new product development

At the end of the module, the students will:

- a) understand the product development process;
- b) learn to manage multi-disciplinary approach to new product creation;
- c) have confidence & competence in developing a new product.

The key deliverables at the end of the course are:

- a) a patentable new product idea;
- b) comprehensive & realistic product development plan;
- c) conceptual or functional prototype.

Note:

- 1) The course instructor will work with selected teams after the end of course to assist in the commercialization of the product ideas developed during the course.
- 2) Past course participants have filed patents and set up companies using the product idea and product plan developed during the course; tapping on funding from NUS and EnterpriseSingapore. Startups with ideas from TR3001 include Trakomatic, TinyMOS and GUSH.
- 3) Prototyping fund is available via the NUS Enterprise Practicum Grant (\$10K).

## **PREQUISITES**

There are **no pre-requisites** for this course.

**Do note that this is a level 3 module, and students should have good knowledge of marketing and accounting.**

## **TEACHING MODES**

Lecture, videos and case studies. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and papers before class and to participate actively in class discussions.

Students are to post their views, comments and feedback on IVLE forum.

## **SCHEDULE**

**5x 3-hr class meetings (Thu, 6pm – 9pm)**

**2x field visit to NUS startup ecosystem (Blk71 or NUS Hanger)**

**2x full-day workshop on Saturdays, 9am – 5pm**

**Each workshop will have 1 new product presentation from founders of startups by TR3001 alumnus.**

## **ASSESSMENT**

a) Class participation	20%	(Individual)
b) Projects		
Project 1 (New Product Idea)	20%	(Individual)
Project 2 (Product Specs/Brochure)	20%	(Group)
Project 3 (Product Development Plan)	15%	(Group)
Project 4 (NUS Enterprise Presentation)	15%	(Group)
c) Insights Paper	10%	(Individual)

There is **no final examination** for this subject.

## **TEXTBOOK**

Required Text: Ulrich, Karl T. and Steven D. Eppinger,  
Product Design and Development, **5th edition (2012)**,  
Irwin/McGraw-Hill

References: Crawford, C. Merle and C. Anthony Di Benedetto,  
New Product Management, 7th edition (2003),  
Irwin/McGraw-Hill

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<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/acceptance.html#NUSCodeofStudentConduct>

Online Module on Plagiarism:

<http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/>

## SYLLABUS

Note: Cases & exercises may change according to student composition and preferences.

Class	Date	Topic	Remarks
1	16 Jan (Thu)	Introduction  Design Thinking Process	Exercise: Design Thinking Methodology  Online Exercise: Empathy & Journey Map
2	23 Jan (Thu)	Opportunities Generation & Evaluation	Exercise: Evaluate new product ideas that are sizeable, sustainable and scalable.
3	30 Jan (Thu)	Crowdfunding	
4	6 Feb (Thu)	Project 1: Pitching / Report	Team formation
5,6,7	8 Feb (Sat)	Lean Methodology:  Value Proposition Design: Customer Needs Product Specifications Concept Generation, Selection and Testing  Business Model Design; Architecture/Platform Design  Intellectual Properties	Full-Day Workshop # 1:  Value Proposition Canvas Exercise  Business Model Design Exercise  Invention Disclosure Exercise
8	20 Feb (Thu)	Visit 1: Guest Speakers	Hanger / BLOCK 71
9	27 Feb (Thu)	Project 2: Storyboard Presentation	Project 2 Report Due

10,11,12	29 Feb (Sat)	<b>Quality System &amp; Product Certifications</b> <b>Design For Manufacturing</b> <b>Product Development Economics</b> <b>Project Management</b>	<b>Full-Day Workshop # 2</b> <b>Exercise: Quality System</b> <b>Exercise: Bill of Materials.</b> <b>Exercise: Scenarios Analysis on Financials.</b> <b>Exercise: Project Management Tools.</b>
13	26 Mar	<b>Project 3 Submission</b> <b>Project 4 Presentation</b>	<b>Groups present to NUS Enterprise for potential practicum grant.</b> <b>Full product development report to be submitted the day before presentation.</b>

**\*Note: Field visits may change depending on availability.**

Past guest speakers are TR3001 alumnus & co-founders of startup companies including Lim Qingru (Zopim), Grey Chen (TinyMos), Allen Lin (Trakomatic), Dustin (uHoo), Kenneth Lou (Novelsys), Gordon Ng (Talenox) and Lester/Ryan (Gush), Sebastian (Haulio).