



Dominican International School  
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## COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>School Year</b>	2025-2026
<b>Subject</b>	Entrepreneurship
<b>Grade Level</b>	12
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The aim of the class is to make students more effective and confident readers by providing high-interest readings on academic subjects and by teaching them skills and strategies for effective reading, business plans, financial numbers, vocabulary building, note-taking, and critical thinking. The class also encourages students to discuss and write about the ideas they discovered in the readings, making them better speakers and writers of English as well.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** By the end of the semester/school year, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

1. Provide necessary support for students to be successful in mainstream classes.
2. Facilitate the acquisition of literacy skills necessary to function well in all academic subjects.
3. Foster student engagement in reading to build habits and skills
4. Provide practice in the use of correct sentence structures both in oral and written contexts.
5. Encourage risk-taking and self-directed learning within a safe and supportive environment.

### PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

How to start a Business in Taiwan (Elles Ek)

### GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

Throughout this course, there will be many different assessment strategies being used to evaluate the learning. There will be quizzes, tests, weekly written assignments, presentations, projects, and a quarterly exam. The teacher may give a quiz to the students at any time, but tests will generally be announced before time. Test dates can be reassigned before the day of the test if the students indicate that they have a heavy test schedule resulting from tests in multiple classes on the same day. Any kind of cheating, including plagiarism, is prohibited and will result in an automatic ZERO for the assignment. A written report will be handed in to the Prefect of Discipline. A



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determination will be made about whether further action needs to be taken.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

### **Grading**

The quarterly grade will be awarded for all student work based on the following criteria:

- Homework, classwork, projects, and other assignments - 30% of quarterly grade
- Quizzes and tests - 30% of quarterly grade
- Quarterly Exams - 30% of quarterly grade
- Student conduct makes up 10% of the overall grade

### **Classroom Expectations**

1. Be on time to class.
2. Do not enter the classroom unless a teacher is inside.
3. Wear your uniform neatly.
4. Use English at all times.
5. Come prepared with books, assignments, and supplies.
6. No gum, food or drink (a sealable water bottle is okay) is allowed.
7. Be respectful of others (especially when speaking), and of school property.
8. Ask permission before leaving the class.
9. Wait for the teacher to signal dismissal before you leave class.

### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work.
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

**Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.**



### First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<b>Week 1</b> (August 12 to 15) <b>4 days of class</b> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	<b>Topic 1 Brainstorming</b> 1.1 What to expect from the course! 1.2 Google Classroom registration 1.3 Brainstorming business ideas 1.4 Division into business units
<b>Week 2</b> (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	<b>Topic 2 The Insight of the Product or Service</b> 2.1 Business units meet for the first time 2.2 Brainstorming products or services? 2.3 What is a Mission Statement?
<b>Week 3</b> (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	<b>Topic 3 The Layout Plan</b> 3.1 What business will you be in? 3.2 What will you do? 3.3 Target market? 3.4 Place of business
<b>Week 4</b> (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	<b>Topic 4 Guest Speaker</b> <b>Guest speaker: Lindy-Lu Victor Azolay</b>  (Sunshine Sup - Owner / Head Trainer)  <a href="https://www.sunshinesup.com/">https://www.sunshinesup.com/</a>  <b>All students are required to attend the session prior to the Big Dragon's Chamber competition.</b> The team with the best pitch will be selected to represent the group at the main event. All remaining teams are expected to support the chosen team on the day of the competition.



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	<p>*The guest speaker will provide insights on how to attract clients and increase revenue for your business.</p>
<p><b>Week 5</b> (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary &amp; VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start</p>	<p><b>Topic 5 Peer Evaluation</b> <b>Milestone 1:</b> Mission Statement, product and target market 5.1 Analyze each group's plan / prediction for future business.</p>
<p><b>Week 6</b> (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline</p>	
<p><b>Week 7</b> (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration &amp; 26- Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><b>Topic 6 The Number Game</b> 6.1 Assignments done outside of class time 6.2 Financial Planning 6.3 Market research / Questionnaires/ Experiments</p>
<p><b>Week 8</b> (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy</p>	<p><b>Topic 7 The Business Plan Layout</b> <b>Milestone 2:</b> 7.1 1st presentation of Business Plan 7.2 Business Plan Section 1/ to be handed in / Exam</p>



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Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	
<i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day          Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i>	

### Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
<b>Week 1 (11)</b> (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	<b>Topic 8 The BIG PREPARATION</b> 8.1 Dragon's Chamber presentation preparation  (The date is not fixed yet. Between October 13 – 17.)
<b>Week 2 (12)</b> (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior	<b>Topic 9 Commercial Planning Milestone 3</b> 9.1 Preparing your Pitch/ Scripts for commercials



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Escape Room)	
<b>Week 3 (13)</b> (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	<b>Topic 10 Filming Open Day</b> 10.1 Class presentation/ Commercials - Filming
<b>Week 4 (14)</b> (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	<b>Topic 11 The Experience</b> 11.1 Dragon's Chamber presentations- presentation in class – feedback from peers
<b>Week 5 (15)</b> (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	<b>Topic 12 The BIG DAY</b> 12.1 <b>Milestone 4:</b> Dragon's Chamber Finals  (The date is not fixed yet. Between November 10-14. )
<b>Week 6 (16)</b> (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	<b>Topic 13 Present Commercial</b> 13.1 <b>Milestone 5:</b> Present commercials for the YSC/ Teacher evaluation
<b>Week 7 (17)</b> (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days	<b>Topic 14 Market Prices</b> 14.1 Methods of setting prices/ Compare prices with those of the competition. Are they higher, lower or the same? Why? <b>YSC – Commercials final (exam grade)</b>



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27- Thanksgiving  
Potluck after school  
for teachers and staff  
27- Thanksgiving  
Family Day  
28- Gr. 12 Second  
Quarter Exam

*Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)*

**Week 8 (18)**  
(December 1 to 5)  
1- First Week of  
Advent: Lighting of  
First Advent Candle  
(During the Monday  
Assembly)  
3- Monthly Career  
Talk - College Prep  
5- Nativity Play  
(Collaboration with  
Campus Ministry)  
5- Christmas Fair  
Whole Day

**Topic 15 Demand + Supply**  
15.1 Teacher guidance: Laws and demand and supply  
How important is price as a competitive factor?

**Week 9 (19)**  
(December 8 to 12)  
8- Foundation Day  
Mass, cake  
ceremony, and Class  
Party (half day)  
8- Solemnity of the  
Immaculate  
Conception  
8- Second Week of  
Advent  
10- Gr. 12 Advent  
Immersion  
11 and 12- Second  
Quarter Exam (half  
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**Topic 16 Basic Bookkeeping**  
16.1 Basic Bookkeeping- managing your income and  
expenditure – Guest lecturer

*December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)*



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*December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break*

### Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
<b>Week 1 (20)</b> (January 5 to 9)  5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	<b>Topic 17 Business Plans Parts 1/2</b> 17.1 <b>Milestone 6:</b> Finalize Business Plans
<b>Week 2 (21)</b> (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	<b>Topic 18 The Business BIG DAY</b> 18.1 <b>Milestone 7:</b> Present Business Plan
<b>Week 3 (22)</b> (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	<b>Topic 19 Social Media</b> 19.1 <b>Milestone 8:</b> Setting up a Facebook page
<b>Week 4 (23)</b> (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas	<b>Topic 20 Different Options</b> 20.1 <b>Milestone 9:</b> Create a website



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<p>Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert</p>	
<p><b>Week 5 (24)</b> (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS</p>	<p><b>Topic 21 The Last Touches</b> 21.1 <b>Milestone 10:</b> Finalize Full Business Plans</p>
<p><b>Week 6 (25)</b> (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration</p>	<p><b>Topic 22 The Final Business Plan</b> 22.1 Business Plan presentations and written plans handed in</p>
<p><i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 7 (26)</b> (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><b>Topic 23 The Financial Statements</b> 23.1 <b>Milestone 11:</b> Present the business: successes and Failures 23.2 <b>Milestone 12:</b> Hand in Income and expenditure statements</p>
<p><i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 8 (27)</b> (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career</p>	<p><b>Topic 24 Choose Your Social Media</b> 24.1 <b>Milestone 13:</b> Facebook/ Instagram pages revealed Work on FB/IG pages</p>



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<p>Talk - College Prep          6- PSAT 8/9 System          Installation and          Practice Test</p>	<p>after peer assessment</p>
<p><b>Week 9 (28)</b>          (March 9 to 13)          13 and 16- Third          Quarter Exam (half          day)</p>	<p><b>Topic 25 The Website Day</b>          25.1 <b>Milestone 14:</b> Websites revealed and assessed/ make          improvement</p>

#### Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p><b>Week 1 (29)</b>          (March 16 to 20)          16- Third Quarter          Exam (half day)          16-20- Faculty &amp; Staff          Yearbook Photo          17- Fourth Quarter          Begins          18-21- EARCOS          Teachers' Conference          19- Lectio Divina and          Feast of St. Joseph          20- Parents Learning          Community Meeting          20- Kindilympics          20-House Movie Night          and Club Fair</p>	<p><b>Topic 26 The Marketing plan</b>          26.1 Marketing plans assessed/ are they effective?</p>
<p><i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 2 (30)</b>          (March 23 to 27)          23-27 Student          Leaders Applicant          Interviews          26- Annual Visit to          World Religion          Museum Gr. 11          27- Lower School          Readers Theatre</p>	<p><b>Topic 27-1 How to present / Where to present</b>          27.1 Presentation Skills</p>



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*March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break*

<p><b>Week 3 (31)</b> (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students</p>	<p><b>Topic 27-2 When to present / What to present</b> 27.2 Presentation Skills</p>
<p><b>Week 4 (32)</b> (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test</p>	<p><b>Topic 28 Run Through the Whole Business</b> 28.1 <b>Milestone 15:</b> Business Showcase</p>
<p><b>Week 5 (33)</b> (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams</p>	<p><b>Topic 29 How to make a profit</b> 29.1 Selling/ Closing the business/ Keeping the business going <b>Milestone 16:</b> Financial reflection presentation</p>
<p><b>Week 6 (34)</b> (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><b>Topic 30 Keep Running or Closing Down the Business</b> 30.1 Decision about the future of the business Meetings to decide the future of the business</p>

*May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday*



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<p><b>Week 7 (35)</b> (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning &amp; Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, &amp; 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams</p>	<p><b>Topic 31 Why this Business or Service?</b> 31.1 Final speaking assignment for Presentation Skills</p>
<p><b>Week 8 (36)</b> (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam— Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 9 (37)</b> (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection &amp; Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection &amp; Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 &amp; 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle &amp; High</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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<p>School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony</p>	
<p><b>Week 10 (38)</b> (May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten &amp; Gr. 1 - 4, 6 &amp; 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, &amp; Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Gr. 12 Graduation</p>

*“Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán”*