Course Material
Representative Documents: Course Material

Writing a Business Plan (U.S. Small Business Administration)
An excellent guide that walks you through and analyzes each section of the plan; particularly good for putting together financials.

SCORE Business Plans
SCORE "Counselors to America’s Small Business" is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small business start, grow and succeed. Check this site for business plans for non-profits, start-ups, finance templates and more.

Entrepreneur.com Business Plans
Start-up Essentials/Business Plans

Inc.
Great section by section, step by step description; supplemented by articles from Inc. magazine.

Bplans
Does a good job of walking you through all the sections of a business plan; site includes examples of business plans, market plans, and mission statements, many for free.

Business Plan Samples
The Business Model Canvas
Introduction

Rationale: Family and consumer sciences curricular provide many opportunities for entrepreneurship and small business ownership in various product and service areas. In this course students will explore issues, challenges and opportunities related to entrepreneurship in areas such as apparel retailing, restaurants, hotel operations, and childcare. Issues related to family owned businesses, home-based businesses, and rural based enterprises will also be addressed. Independent business owners and industry representatives will serve as resources for panel discussions.

Course objectives:

- Identify characteristics of entrepreneurs, environmental conditions which foster entrepreneurship, and the role of entrepreneurs in the broader economy.
- Understand contributions of the family and Consumer Sciences profession to small business and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Assess motivations for starting a small business, success factors and failure rates associated with independent business ownership.
- Evaluate personal and financial resources needed for starting a small business and sources of assistance for business start-ups. Identify funding sources that contribute to the capital base required for entrepreneurship.

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Business Model Canvas

Nine Building blocks:
- Customer Segments
- Value Propositions
- Channels
- Customer Relationships
- Revenue Streams
- Key Resources
- Key Activities
- Key Partnerships
- Cost Structure

CASE STUDY #1

Square is a provider of payments technologies for retail businesses. The company’s devices include the Square Reader and Square Stand and its software include Square Register, Market, Cash and Order (replacing Wallet).
1. VALUE PROPOSITION
- What value do you deliver to the customer?
- Which one of the customer's problems are you solving?
- What bundles of products/services do you offer to each customer segment?
- Which customer needs are you satisfying?

2. CUSTOMER SEGMENTS
For whom are we creating value? Who are our most important customers?
- Mass Market
- Niches
- Segmented
- Diversified
- Multi-sided Platform

3. CHANNELS
Through which channels do our customer segments want to be reached?

4. RELATIONSHIPS
How will we get, keep and grow customers?

5. KEY ACTIVITIES
What key activities do our value propositions require?

6. KEY RESOURCES
What key resources do our value propositions require?

7. KEY PARTNERSHIPS
Who are our key partners?

8. REVENUE STREAMS
What is the revenue model? What are pricing tactics? For what value are our customers willing to pay?

9. COST STRUCTURES
What are the most important costs in our business model?
CASE STUDY #2
https://youtu.be/44s3VInnfrs

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Online Research Guide
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