



# BMGT-108 Entrepreneurship

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FORT HAYS TECH | NORTH CENTRAL

## COURSE INFORMATION

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In this class students study the different forms of business entities, how to begin a business, and how to operate a business as an entrepreneur or manager. Important areas covered in the setting up and operation of a small business includes: planning, organizing, controlling, strengths and weaknesses, site location, financing, human resources, and promotion. An emphasis will be placed on creating, planning and presenting a business plan.

Instructional Level: Certificate/Degree

Credits: 3

Types of Instruction:

- 3: Lecture, demonstration, hands-on activity

## CLASS INFORMATION

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Section Number: Online

Term: Spring Year: 2025 Start Date: 1/21/2025 End Date: 5/16/2025

Meeting Times: This online course offers you the flexibility of working on your own during the week to complete course work. However, you must remain determined and disciplined to complete the work by the due dates. Although I will be unable to see you face to face to encourage and motivate you, I plan to be very active in the online classroom and I'm sure we will get to know each other well by the end of the semester. Each week you will need to read the chapter information, identify what you need to take away from the readings in order to become involved in the chapter discussions with other students and myself. You will also need to be able to complete the end of chapter questions and exercises. Then, you will need to complete the open book exam at the end of each chapter/week. Finally, the last item will be an ongoing project of working on details of a Business Plan for a business you could potentially open. The business plan assignments will need to be completed each week. If you choose to open an actual business one day, these weekly business plan assignments should greatly help you!

Delivery Mode: Online

## INSTRUCTOR

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Office Location: My office is located in the Mears Administration Building on the Beloit Campus.

Office Hours:

My official office hours are Mondays through Wednesdays from 8:00am until 11:00am, but I have an open door policy so you can call or stop by anytime.

## TEXTBOOKS

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Greene, Cynthia L. Entrepreneurship-Ideas in Action: 3rd Edition. ISBN:0-538-44123-2

## COURSE COMPETENCIES

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1. Understand the legal, ethical, and social obligations of a business
2. Identify entrepreneurship opportunities and skills
3. Understand fundamental risk management strategies
4. Identify and evaluate different types of business ownership structures
5. Demonstrate the ability to create a business plan
6. Evaluate how to finance a business
7. Demonstrate how to market a business

## GRADING INFORMATION

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### NCKTC Grading Scale

- A 100%-90%
- B 89%-80%
- C 79%-70%
- D 69%-60%
- F 59% and below

### Instructor Grading Information

#### ***Participation Grading***

All discussions will be graded based on the quantity and quality of discussion posts. Most discussion questions are a reflection of the chapter material. However, you will use critical thinking and your own experiences to answer most of the questions. Within the discussion forum, there are no wrong answers (right and wrong answers will be reserved for the weekly assignments and tests). Your thoughts and opinions will be respected in the classroom. Even if I don't agree with what you are saying, you will not lose points. As long as your posts are well-thought out, differences of viewpoints will make for interesting classroom discussion. I may ask for additional information from you if your post is not substantial enough or if I want to learn additional information from you.

#### **Method of Evaluation/Grades:**

Discussions: Seven Discussion Forums throughout the semester

Weekly Assignments: End of Chapter Assignments (Vocabulary Builder and Review Your Knowledge Sections)

Weekly Quizzes: Weekly Entrepreneurship Tests

Weekly Business Plan Assignments: Weekly Build Your Business Plan Assignments

## ACADEMIC HONESTY

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Membership in the Fort Hays Tech | North Central learning community imposes upon the student a variety of commitments, obligations, and responsibilities. It is the policy of this College to impose sanctions on students who misrepresent their academic work. Appropriate classroom instructors or other designated persons will select these sanctions consistent with the seriousness of the violation and related considerations.

Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism: i.e. taking someone else's intellectual work and presenting it as one's own. Each department set standards of attribution. Faculty will include disciplinary or class-specific definitions in course syllabi.
- Cheating is unacceptable in any form. Examples include consultation of books, library materials, notes or intentional observation of another student's test on paper or a computer screen; accessing another student's answers from an exam to be given or in progress; submission of falsified data; alteration of exams or other academic exercises; and collaboration on projects where collaboration is forbidden.
- Falsification, forgery or alteration of any documents pertaining to assignments and examinations.
- The use of AI generated content from AI tools such as, but not limited to, ChatGPT, Dall-E, Co-Pilot, etc., is up to faculty discretion per course as stipulated within the course syllabus. Submitting AI generated work as your own, without attribution, will be considered academic dishonesty.
- In courses where the use of AI tools are not permitted as stipulated within the course syllabus, work submitted using AI will be considered academic dishonesty.
- Students who participate in, or assist with, cheating or plagiarism will also be in violation of this policy.

Classroom instructors and/or administrators will assess sanctions for violations of this policy. The seriousness of the violation will dictate the severity of the sanction imposed. Academic sanctions may include but are not limited to any of the following:

1. verbal or written warning
2. lowering of grade for an assignment
3. lowering of term grade

Administrative sanctions may include but are not limited to either of the following

1. Suspension from the course, program, or College
2. Dismissal from the course, program, or College

## **FORT HAYS TECH | NORTH CENTRAL MISSION STATEMENT**

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Fort Hays Tech | North Central delivers applied, innovative and personalized education to empower learners, enrich lives, develop skilled professionals and strengthen economic systems.

### **Vision Statement**

Fort Hays Tech | North Central is dedicated to being a leader in workforce development by maximizing value for students, employers and communities through educational excellence.

### **Core Values**

Achieving EXCELLENCE with INTEGRITY through

DEDICATION

INNOVATION

COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

## FORT HAYS TECH | NORTH CENTRAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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Fort Hays Tech | North Central is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, ethnic or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, age, ancestry, disability, military status, or veteran status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Further, it is the policy of the college to prohibit harassment (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) of students and employees. Any person having inquiries concerning the college's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act is directed to the VP of Student and Instructional Services (Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer and Title VI, Title VII, & Title IX Compliance Officer) at (785)738-9055, [cisbell@ncktc.edu](mailto:cisbell@ncktc.edu), or PO Box 507, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420.

## FORT HAYS TECH | NORTH CENTRAL TOBACCO USE POLICY

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The use of tobacco products in any form and/or electronic cigarettes is prohibited in, or within ten (10) feet of any building owned, leased, or rented by the College.

## FORT HAYS TECH | NORTH CENTRAL WEAPONS POLICY

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Fort Hays Tech | North Central prohibits the possession and use of firearms, explosives, and other weapons on Fort Hays Tech | North Central property, with certain limited exceptions, as provided below. This policy is in accordance with the Kansas Board of Regents ("Board") Policy and state law, K.S.A. 75-7c01, et seq. Definitions For purposes of this policy:

1. The term "weapons" includes:

- a. Any object or device which will, is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel bullet, shot or shell by the action of an explosive or other propellant;
- b. Any handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm of any nature
- c. Any BB gun, pellet gun, air/CO2 gun, stun gun or blowgun;
- d. Any explosive, incendiary or poison gas (A) bomb, (B) mine, (C) grenade, (D) rocket having a propellant charge of more than ¼ ounce;
- e. Any incendiary or explosive material, liquid, solid, or mixture equipped with a fuse, wick or other detonating device;
- f. Any tear gas bomb or smoke bomb; however, personal self-defense items containing mace or pepper spray shall not be deemed to be a weapon for the purposes of this policy;
- g. Any knife, commonly referred to as a switch-blade, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device .

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

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College campus dismissals and cancelations will be announced using the College Alert system. Local media will also be notified.

## OVERVIEW FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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Fort Hays Tech | North Central is dedicated to providing equal access and opportunity to all campus programs and services for students with disabilities. We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations in accordance with applicable state and federal laws including, but not limited to, Section 504 and 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. We strive to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment and promote awareness, knowledge and self-advocacy.

Fort Hays Tech | North Central acknowledges that traditional methods, programs and services are not always appropriate or sufficient to accommodate the limitations experienced by some qualified persons with disabilities. When a student's disability prevents him/her from fulfilling a course requirement through conventional procedures, consideration will be given to alternatives, **keeping in mind that academic standards must be maintained.**

Services are provided through Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff located in the Student Success Center, on the Beloit Campus, and in Student Services, on the Hays Campus.

- Director of Learning Services, may be reached at [1-785-738-9020](tel:1-785-738-9020); or by mail at [Fort Hays Tech | North Central, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420](#).

### **Student Responsibilities**

Students requesting support services will need to register ("self-disclose" and complete Student Accessibility Services Intake and Consent Form), provide appropriate documentation (if available) including how the disability affects academic performance and suggested accommodations, and communicate with the Director of Learning Services as part of the interactive process to create an *Educational Accommodation Plan* that will notify Instructors of approved accommodations, services and/or auxiliary aids.

Students are encouraged to make timely and appropriate disclosures and requests, at least two weeks in advance of a course, program, or activity for which an accommodation is requested (or as soon as realistically possible) to allow adequate time for accommodation services to be set in place.

### **Accommodations, Academic Support Services, or Auxiliary Aids**

Reasonable accommodations including academic support services and auxiliary aids are provided to allow students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from our educational programs. Accommodations will be provided on a case-by-case basis determined by student request, documentation, intake interview, Educational Accommodation Plan team, and assessment of individual needs and course requirements.

#### **Reasonable testing accommodations may include, but are not limited to:**

- Extended testing time
- Reduced distraction testing environment
- Test reader and/or scribe
- Use of calculator

#### **Academic support services/auxiliary aids may include, but are not limited to:**

- Note-taking assistance (second set of notes, power point slides, or other visual aids provided)
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Preferential seating in the classroom
- Large print exams, handouts, signs, etc.
- Telecommunications devices
- Use of Assistive Technology

Accommodations may not fundamentally alter the nature of the program or activity, lower academic standards, present undue financial or administrative burden on the college, or pose a threat to others or public safety.

Additionally, some accommodations and services cannot be provided, such as personal devices or assistance with personal services.

Auxiliary aids may be available through a variety of sources available to individual students. The student may make a request in obtaining specialized support services from other resources such as Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), Recordings for the Blind, Kansas Talking Book Service, etc. For example, Vocational Rehabilitation may fund such items as transportation to the institution, tuition, textbooks, hearing aids, and other individually prescribed medical devices.

If at any time throughout the academic year, a student feels that the agreed upon accommodations are not being followed or that alternate accommodations need to be provided, the student should notify Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff. Fort Hays Tech | North Central is committed to student success; however, we do not require students to use accommodations. The decision of when to utilize approved accommodations or services is up to the student. Integration, self-advocacy and individual responsibility are promoted and expected.

### **Grievance Procedure**

Any student who believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability or has been denied access or accommodations, shall have the right to invoke the Grievance Procedure.

Students are encouraged to first discuss their concerns with SAS. An attempt will be made to resolve the issue(s) causing concern by assisting the student in discussions with the person(s) involved. Most situations are positively resolved through this process. If the student does not feel the concern or complaint has been appropriately resolved, he or she should contact the [Vice President of Student and Instructional Services](#) at 1-800-658-4655 or PO Box 507, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420, where grievance procedures are filed for all students, including students with disabilities.

If the complaint is not resolved at the College level, a student may choose to file a complaint with the [Office for Civil Rights](#) at 1-816-268-0550 or [U.S. Department of Education, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106](#).

### **Confidentiality**

All information regarding a student's disability is confidential. All documentation will remain separate from academic records and will not be released to an individual or source external to Fort Hays Tech | North Central without the student's written consent. In order to provide effective services, it may be necessary to communicate limited information on a need-to-know basis regarding disability-related needs to Fort Hays Tech | North Central faculty and/or staff.

## **REASONABLE SUSPICION**

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If reasonable suspicion of substance abuse exists regarding an employee or student based on objective criteria (including, but not limited to, behavior, appearance, demeanor, detection of the odor of alcohol or any controlled substance), the employee or student will be requested to consent to drug testing performed by Fort Hays Tech | North Central's contract vendor at the expense of the college.

- A. A college administrator (or their designee) shall drive the employee or student to the vendor's site for drug testing and shall return the employee or student to his/her residence (or arrange for transportation) following the testing.
- B. Test results shall be sent directly to the college administrator, with a copy also sent to the employee or student. All test results will be considered confidential, access to the results will be limited to institutional personnel who have a legitimate need-to-know.
- C. In the event of a positive test result, the employee or student may request a retest of the sample at the employee or student's expense. The request must be submitted within 24 hours.
- D. Positive results for any illegal drugs, or prescription drugs (either not prescribed for the employee or student, or at levels above the prescribed dosage), or blood alcohol level of 0.04 or greater shall be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.
- E. Refusal to provide a specimen for this testing shall be treated as a positive drug test result.
- F. Test results or specimens that have been determined to be altered by the employee or student shall be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.
- G. If the employee or student tests positive for an authorized prescription drug which may impair his/her performance or judgment, the employee or student may not be permitted to participate in college activities until he/she provides a doctor's release.

## **RIGHT TO MODIFY THE SYLLABUS**

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The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus during the semester. Students will be given advanced notice if a change would occur.

## **ASSIGNMENTS AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**

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### **Assignment Policy:**

All assignments, tests and class discussions will be due on the assigned due date by 11pm. Be sure to pay careful attention to all the assignment due dates. You can turn in weekly assignments before the due date, but not after. I will not accept late work on weekly assignments, tests or class discussions without a reduction in points possible. Homework will be graded and returned during the next week after it was assigned and tests will be graded and returned to the student upon completion of these tests. Please note that the time schedule is Central Standard Time, which may not be the time schedule that you are living in.

If extenuating circumstances arise and you are unable to turn in an assignment prior to the due date, please contact me to discuss possible arrangements. If you are having difficulties meeting a deadline, please communicate this as soon as

possible. It is better to contact your instructor ahead of time rather than waiting until the night the assignment is due. I will be much more flexible if I am aware of the situation prior to the assignment due date.

Within the online classroom (lecture-discussion forum), you will need to participate in occasional dialogue. The questions asked for the discussions are there to assist the dialogue. I expect you to answer the questions and then respond to the other students' postings when required. Discussion is only beneficial if everybody participates. This will allow you to truly master the information within the course.

#### **Attendance and Participation Policy:**

All students are expected to participate in the online class through the Discussion Forum Folders set up in the Lesson Tab. Although the online format provides the student flexibility with classroom time, it still requires some time commitment for online classroom discussions.

To start, go to the Current week in the Lesson Tab. Discussion will take place in the Discussion Forum Folders.

There will not be discussion posts due every week. If there is a discussion post due, it will be listed in your weekly instructions from me.

#### **Netiquette**

Each member of our cyber community should expect courtesy and respect from all other members. Because it's a new and different kind of class for some of us, we may not realize it when we are rude or inconsiderate on line. There are some dos and don'ts of courteous behavior on line, called "netiquette."

Please visit the Albion Netiquette Web Site at <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>. Read details about "The Core Rules of Netiquette:"

- 1 Remember the human.
- 2 Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you follow in real life.
- 3 Know where you are in cyberspace. (Adjust your behavior to fit the site or "lurk before you leap.")
- 4 Respect other people's time and bandwidth.
- 5 Make yourself look good online.
- 6 Share expert knowledge.
- 7 Help keep flame wars under control.
- 8 Respect other people's privacy.
- 9 Don't abuse your power.
- 10 Be forgiving of other people's mistakes.

The "Core Rules of Netiquette" quoted from NETIQUETTE by Virginia Shea as presented at <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>. Test your netiquette knowledge by completing the ten-question netiquiz. <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/netiquiz.html>

## **SPRING 2024 SCHEDULE**

#### **Method of Evaluation/Grades:**

Discussion Posts- 140 Points Possible (20 points possible for each post)

Weekly Assignments- 479 Points Possible (varies by chapter)

Weekly Quizzes- 565 Points Possible (varies by chapter)

Weekly Business Plan Assignments- 680 Points Possible (20 points possible for each question)

**Homework:****Week One:**

Ice Breaker Discussion Post

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter One *Vocabulary Builder* 1-6 *Review Your Knowledge* 7-18

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 1,2,3,4

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 1 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Two:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Two *Vocabulary Builder* 1-10 *Review Your Knowledge* 11-20

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan #1, 3, 4

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 2 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Three:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Three *Vocabulary Builder* 1-12 *Review Your Knowledge* 13-22

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 2, 3, 4

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 3 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Four:**

Discussion Post

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Four *Vocabulary Builder* 1-13 *Review Your Knowledge* 14-23

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan #1, 2, 5

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 4 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Five:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Five *Vocabulary Builder* 1-4 *Review Your Knowledge* 5-18

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 2, 3, 4

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 5 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Six:**

Discussion Post

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Six *Vocabulary Builder* 1-11 *Review Your Knowledge* 12-23

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan #1, 4, 5

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 6 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Seven:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Seven *Vocabulary Builder* 1-11 *Review Your Knowledge* 12-26

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 2, 3, 4

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 7 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Eight:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Eight *Vocabulary Builder* 1-7 *Review Your Knowledge* 8-20

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan #1, 5

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 8 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Nine:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Nine *Vocabulary Builder* 1-10 *Review Your Knowledge* 11-23

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 1, 2, 6

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 9 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Ten:**

SPRING BREAK



**Week Eleven:**

Discussion Post

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Ten *Vocabulary Builder* 1-8 *Review Your Knowledge* 9-23

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan #1, 5

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 10 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Twelve:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Eleven *Vocabulary Builder* 1-12 *Review Your Knowledge* 13-20

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 5

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 11 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Thirteen:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Twelve *Vocabulary Builder* 1-6 *Review Your Knowledge* 7-16

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan (no assignment this week!)

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 12 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Fourteen:**

Discussion Post

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Thirteen *Vocabulary Builder* 1-7 *Review Your Knowledge* 8-19

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 1

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 13 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Fifteen:**

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Fourteen *Vocabulary Builder* 1-6 *Review Your Knowledge* 7-22

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan #2

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 14 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test

**Week Sixteen:**

Discussion Post

Weekly End of Chapter Assignment: Chapter Fifteen *Vocabulary Builder* 1-9 *Review Your Knowledge* 10-21

Weekly Business Plan Assignment: Build Your Business Plan # 1, 2

Weekly Quiz: Chapter 15 Business Management/Entrepreneurship Test