The purpose of this course is to match students with local startup and small businesses to gain consulting experience. Through this process, students gain hands-on business experience and develop skills that prepare them for their future careers, while business owners become empowered to foster their own economic independence and secure their future prosperity.

Students will work in self-created teams of 3-4 and can either bid for projects provided by the instructor, or source their own project so long as it fits the course criteria. Course time will include guest lecturers and consulting skills workshops. Student teams will be expected to meet together and with the client outside of class time.

**Faculty Bio**

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