# MGT-555  
Innovation & entrepreneurship in engineering  
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- **Language of teaching**: English
- **Credits**: 10
- **Withdrawal**: Unauthorized
- **Session**: Winter
- **Semester**: Fall
- **Exam**: During the semester
- **Workload**: 300h
- **Weeks**: 14
- **Hours**: 10 weekly
  - Lecture: 2 weekly
  - Project: 8 weekly
- **Number of positions**: 50

It is not allowed to withdraw from this subject after the registration deadline.

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## Remark
Inscription nécessitant l’autorisation préalable des enseignants

## Summary
This course is a joint initiative between the School of Engineering and the College of Management to encourage and promote entrepreneurship and management skills, engineering design, hands-on experience, teamwork, and awareness of social and ethical implications in engineering and management.

## Content
The material is taught in four modules, including Systems Engineering, Product Design Principles, Business Economics, and Prototyping Practice. A key component of the course consists of a team project, usually conducted in collaboration with an industry partner, addressing a significant commercial need and/or societal issue. Lectures will be given by domain experts. The first part of the course focuses on product design. Students will be working in multidisciplinary teams to define a product concept, draft a prototype and propose a plan for product commercialization. At the conclusion of the course, the projects will be entered in a prize competition, judged by a panel of industry experts and faculty.


## Keywords
Business economics, product design, systems engineering, technology commercialization, hands-on practice

## Learning Prerequisites
### Required courses
To be able to register for this course, instructor permission is required. For this, students are asked to prepare a 1-page motivation statement, to be sent per email by September 21 at the very latest to the course coordinator (philipp.schneider@epfl.ch).

## Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, the student must be able to:
• Translate specifications into product design
• Assess / Evaluate the economic viability of product at different development phases
• Manage the production of a prototype
• Develop a plan for the commercialisation of the product
• Transverse skills
  • Communicate effectively, being understood, including across different languages and cultures.
  • Evaluate one’s own performance in the team, receive and respond appropriately to feedback.
  • Set objectives and design an action plan to reach those objectives.

Assessment methods
• 40% Presentation
• 50% Report/prototype
• 10% Collaboration

Supervision
Office hours  No
Assistants    Yes
Forum         Yes

Resources
  Virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI)
  No

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