Course Description
Innovation and creativity have become well-known through people like Steve Jobs. But what exactly is innovation? Why is it important? How does creativity help people innovate? What benefits are there from innovating? Answers to these questions and more will be explored in this course. By the end of the course students will have a deeper understanding of what creativity and innovation means and the role that creative individuals play in society.

Topics
1. A Little Bit of Science, More Technology, and their Relationship
2. Creating New Ideas and Knowledge to Innovate

Grading Scheme
- Attendance and Class Participation (30%)
- In-class Case Discussion Exercise (45%)
- Reflection Paper (10%)
- Personal Response System (PRS) Exercises (15%)

[Topics and grading schemes are subject to change as deemed appropriate. Students will receive information and guidelines in class on how they will be assessed for the course.]

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