

**ME 583 Product Management
Course Information Sheet
Fall 2014**

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<u>Class Hours:</u>	Monday and Wednesday 6:00PM to 8:00PM, Room 205, 15 St. Mary's Street
<u>Office Hours:</u>	Thurs 2:30 to 5:00 PM; Friday 2:30 to 4:30 PM, or by appointment
<u>Websites:</u>	Assignments , readings, and class notes are posted to the course website http://learn.bu.edu/ . Video recordings of class sessions will be posted to the Distance Learning website: http://dlp.bu.edu/me583 . Video recordings will usually be posted to the web within ½ hour after each class ends. Case studies may be purchased through the Harvard Business School Press at a website which is specifically for this class. https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/access/29066611 Do not order the cases until after the first session of class on Wednesday, Sept 3. The Harvard case-pack contains a few more cases than we will actually use; the extra cases provide flexibility in assigning the written exercises.
<u>Textbook and Cases:</u>	Textbook: No textbook. Readings, exercises, and articles from the current press as distributed in class, posted to the course website, or available from a posted URL. Case studies may be obtained from the Harvard Business School website as detailed above.
<u>Description:</u>	Exploration of how technology and organizational strengths interact with market needs to create new products. Approaches to managing those products across their life cycle. What makes a product new? Issues of risk management, financial requirements, product and technology portfolios.
<u>Prerequisites:</u>	Graduate standing or consent of the instructor
<u>Methodology:</u>	A combination of lectures and case studies. Cases will be drawn from multiple sources, including the current press.
<u>Course Outline:</u>	Attached, but subject to change as the semester progresses.

Grading: There will be three major homework assignments during the semester. 75% of the grade will be determined by these assignments, 25% by contribution to in-class discussion of the assigned readings and supporting written preparation. The homework assignments will be case analyses and possibly some primary research, depending upon the subject matter. You may collaborate with others during the research, but each paper must be your own work and present unique findings and conclusions. The names of all collaborators must be reported in any work submitted. Unattributed use of the work of other people is not allowed. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. You are bound by the standards of the University's Academic Conduct Code, <http://www.bu.edu/academics/academic-conduct-code/>. If you are in doubt as to the proper use of sources or what type of collaboration is permitted, be sure to ask the instructor before submitting the assignment. Ignorance of the requirements of the code will not constitute a valid excuse for its violation.

The grade for the three written assignments will be determined as either the average grade for all three assignments, or the average grade for the second and third assignment, whichever is higher. Nonetheless, all three assignments are required. Failure to complete any one of the assignments will result in failure of the course. If there is a legitimate issue which prevents your timely completion of an assignment, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor as soon as you anticipate the problem.

Distance Learning Considerations: This course is presented through the Distance Learning Program of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Please be aware that you may be on camera. You must assume that your words and your actions are being recorded. If you are joining the course by video link, please log in with sufficient time to debug the connection before class starts.

Technical and Administrative Support: Your primary contact for networking support and administrative matters will be Christopher Lynch, 617-358-1294, cdlynch@bu.edu. You may, in any case, bring any problem to my attention.

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Session	Date	Material for the Day
1	Wed, 03-Sep	Introduction & Overview: What Do We Need to Know?
2	Mon, 08-Sep	The Product Management Task and the Project Management Task Case: The Hewlett Packard Company: The Sally Project
3	Wed, 10-Sep	What makes a new product new? Reading: Creating Project Plans to Focus Product Development (92210) Lecture & Discussion: What makes a new product new?
4	Mon, 15-Sep	The Product Life Cycle Reading: The Product Life Cycle (HBS 579-072) Reading: Exploit the Product Life Cycle (65608)
5	Wed, 17-Sep	What makes a new product new? Reading: Note on the FDA Review Process (9-796-063) Case: Aspect Medical Systems (9-600-076)
6	Mon, 22-Sep	Integration of Concepts Zoll Medical Corporation (A) (9-795-053) Zoll Medical Corporation (B) (9-795-054) [Do not read before class] Zoll Medical Corporation (C) (9-795-055) [Do not read before class] Zoll Medical Corporation (D) (9-796-078) [Do not read before class]
7	Wed, 24-Sep	The Nature of Competition: Reading Material to be Distributed The Five Competitive Forces That Shape Strategy (R0801E-PDF-ENG)
Fri, 26-Sep WRITTEN CASE ANALYSIS #1 DUE (Case TDB)		
8	Mon, 29-Sep	Market Segmentation Reed Supermarkets (4296-PDF-ENG)
9	Wed, 01-Oct	Integration of Concepts Documentum (9-502-026)
10	Mon, 06-Oct	Financial Statements
11	Wed, 08-Oct	Discussion of Written Case Analysis #1
12	Tue, 14-Oct	Market Segmentation & Disruptive Technology Case: Silicon Graphics (9-695-061)
13	Wed, 15-Oct	Market Entry Strategy / Customer Value Case: Kone, The MonoSpace Launch (9-501-070)
14	Mon, 20-Oct	Custom Products and Customer Requirements Case: The "mi adidas" Mass Customization Initiative (IMD159)
15	Wed, 22-Oct	Market Entry Strategy & Pricing Curled Metal Industries (709434-PDF-ENG)
Fri, 24-Oct WRITTEN CASE ANALYSIS #2 DUE (Case TBD)		
16	Mon, 27-Oct	Discussion of Written Case Analysis #2
17	Wed, 29-Oct	Concept Integration Case: Le Petit Chef (602-080)

Session	Date	Material for the Day
18	Mon, 03-Nov	Portfolio Management
		Reading: Note on the Boston Consulting Group Concept of Competitive Analysis (9-175-175)
		Case: Portfolio management exercise to be performed as a group in class
19	Wed, 05-Nov	Portfolio Management
		Case: The Economics of Product Variety (191099-PDF-ENG)
20	Mon, 10-Nov	Financial Statements and Other Metrics of Success
21	Wed, 12-Nov	Vertex Pharmaceuticals: R&D Portfolio Management
22	Mon, 17-Nov	Ducati
23	Wed, 19-Nov	Concept Integration
		Case: Launching Prius (706-458)
24	Mon, 24-Nov	WRITTEN CASE ANALYSIS #3 DUE (Case TBD)
25	Mon, 01-Dec	Guest Speaker
26	Wed, 03-Dec	Risk Management, Project Management, and Learning
		Case: "The Boeing 767: From Concept to Production (A) (9-688-040)
27	Mon, 08-Dec	Concept Integration
		How Venture Capitalists Evaluate Potential Venture Opportunities (805019-PDF-ENG)
28	Wed, 10-Dec	Course Summary
		Reading: How to Write A Great Business Plan (97409)
VERSION HISTORY		
Issue	Date	Remarks
1.0	Fri, 29-Aug	Issue 1