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This highly regarded interdisciplinary course, jointly offered by the University of Portland, Oregon Health & Science University, and Lewis and Clark Law School is designed for people wishing to learn how to successfully turn ideas or research into ventures, devices, and therapies. It is particularly suited to those with backgrounds in science, engineering, or business with an interest in developing new products and businesses from research and technology based solutions or intellectual property.

The course engages masters and doctoral students, along with interested faculty and staff, combining theory and practice in an environment where academics are balanced with real world experience. Diverse cohorts are comprised of second year law students, along with PhD, MBA, and MBME students, faculty and post docs. During the course, students work on their own and in teams to learn about intellectual property protection, entity formation, licensing, employment, distribution and partnerships. The collaboration between students of many backgrounds and disciplines creates a highly interactive and practice-focused learning experience. Law students complete internships with local firms while science, engineering and business students undertake challenging final projects.

Course Highlights

- Hands on, project based and experiential
- Highly networked into the region’s robust entrepreneurship community
- Begins mid-January and ends late April, 2017
- Offered to OHSU students with no tuition or fees
- Can be taken on a for-credit or audit basis
- Classes meet at the OHSU South Waterfront campus

Project Personnel

- Course taught by 2 local attorneys managing top venture law firms
  - Peter Rachor, University of Portland

Application Requirements

- Letter of intent, outlining their interest in the class, their qualifications, and their preliminary goals.
- Letter from their PI indicating their support of the applicant, acknowledging that the student fits the necessary requirements. The PI may send an email directly to Jackie Wirz (wirzi@ohsu.edu) in lieu of a formal letter.
- Up to date resume.

Course Timeline and Requirements

- Interested students will submit their applications to Jackie Wirz by December 31st.
- Students will be notified of their enrollment by January 5th.
- Course meets Monday evenings from 5:30 – 7:20 PM, from Jan. 9 – May 5, 2017 in CLSB
- Following completion of the course, students will submit an evaluation to the CPDC by May 31st, 2017.