

MODULE DESCRIPTION - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Field	Design and Fine Arts		
Program	MAS in Design for Luxury and Craftsmanship		
Major	–		
Module title	Luxury and entrepreneurship		
Code	MAS DLC 4	DDI303612FE26	
Course Type	Master of Advanced Studies		
Semester	Semester 2		
ECTS Credits	2		
Prerequisites	None		
Languages	English		
Place	IMD Business School Lausanne		

Skills targeted General learning objectives	The aim of this module is to teach a basic knowledge of entrepreneurship and business in general, with the emphasis on the luxury industry. These basics are learned by constantly comparing an understanding of market realities with the expected capacity of the luxury industry. This should enable students to put into perspective the creative processes of their design practices in the light of consumers' changing needs, competitiveness between companies and the development potential of these commercial companies. This module is closely linked to the concept of business innovation.		
Teaching content and form	A 3-day programme at the IMD Business School, Lausanne, based on the fundamental aspects of business. Preparatory exercises are to be completed before the beginning of the programme. Students then attend presentations on topics specific to the 3 IMD professors and have discussions with them and among themselves during participatory exercises, such as interactive discussions on case studies, so as to put the information received into practice. . The aim of the first day is to convey a global and practical vision of the changing environment of the luxury industry in all its sectors (fashion, accessories, furniture, cosmetics, automotive, etc.). New trends - and their impact on building the desirability of a luxury brand - will be discussed. The second day will enable students to understand and explore the commercial value that can be created through an entrepreneurial project. The third day will be dedicated to the crucial steps to be taken for a successful launch of one's own business.		
Forms of assessment and validation	The module is assessed on the basis of the student's active participation in the programme as well as on a report remitted to the person in charge of the MAS DLC at the end of the 3 days. The student must gain a minimum grade of 4 to obtain the credits.		
Remedial teaching	No remediation possible. The module must be repeated in the following months, according to procedures to be agreed with the director of the module.		
Professors	IMD Professors - Stéphane Girod, Cyril Bouquet, Salvatore Cantale		

Responsible module	Nicolas Le Moigne		
Description validated on	16 September 2026	By	Nicolas Le Moigne

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