

## **TT-BMI Elective @ IBM – FS24**

### **Sustainable Business Model Innovation**

Driving sustainability with SMEs



Does putting your skills, ideas, and values into action excite you?

Are you motivated to drive impact in close collaboration with companies?

Are you keen to learn with and from other motivated and talented students?

This elective provides first-hand insights into the world of business model innovation for sustainability. Participants will have a unique opportunity to let their imagination and creativity run free to tackle real-life business model challenges in collaboration with students from different backgrounds and disciplines. Classes are interactive, follow a design-based approach and teams will be supported by coaches from academia and the business world. Participants will develop the skills they need to make an impact for sustainability.

This elective is designed and conducted in close cooperation with a company.

<b>Target Group</b>	<p>Students from the trinational bachelor's in international business management as well as other study programs! Diversity is encouraged for enhanced ideas and learning. Students who are passionate about making an impact for sustainability. Students who want to understand how sustainability can be integrated into the way business is done. It is not necessary to already have deep knowledge of business models or sustainability. Interest in the topic is crucial.</p> <p>The elective is limited to 30 participants. (Minimum size for implementation is 15 students). Participants need to be fluent in English (advanced level: European levels B2 written/C1 oral). No formal document/proof needed.</p>
<b>Dates</b>	Two full day workshops from 8:30 to 17:00 in <b>May &amp; June 2024</b> , with self-organized group work between the dates. Exact dates will be communicated shortly.
<b>Place</b>	Campus Basel and/or participating organization
<b>Goals</b>	<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can systematically evaluate strengths and weaknesses of existing business models.</li> <li>- Can understand how sustainability can be integrated into the different elements of a business model.</li> <li>- Can apply different methods, tools, and innovative techniques to create and evaluate ideas and sustainable business model innovations.</li> <li>- Can convincingly present the developed sustainable business model innovations both visually and orally and explain the potential and risks to the management of the company.</li> </ul>
<b>Program</b>	<p>Over the course of the elective, participants will work in mixed groups. Each team will innovate to tackle the business model challenges of the company. The program follows a design-based approach, which will include the following phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Understand:</b> Uncover and understand the context and the challenge. Pre-frame your design challenge and next steps.</li> <li>- <b>Discover:</b> Dig deeper to empathise and understand stakeholder needs and impacts. Define Point of View.</li> <li>- <b>Generate:</b> Generate ideas, turn insights into potential sustainable business model innovation. Narrow down to the most promising idea to prototype.</li> <li>- <b>Make:</b> Prototype the sustainable business model innovation idea by looking at the whole business model ecosystem and determine impacts. Further develop the sustainable business model.</li> <li>- <b>Validate:</b> Evaluate the sustainable business model innovation with checklists and gathering feedback. Then refine and present to the case holder.</li> </ul>

<b>ECTS</b>	The elective gives 3 ECTS. Active participation during all workshops is required to receive credits and grades, including a group presentation of 30 minutes.
<b>Lecturers</b>	Prof. Dr. Michael von Kutzschenbach, michael.vonkutzschenbach@fhnw.ch Prof. Dr. Rolf Meyer, rolf.meyer@fhnw.ch Ananda Wyss, ananda.wyss@fhnw.ch Representatives from participating companies.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Registration</b>	IBM students register via their registration tool/office. Students from other study programs can register via <a href="http://www.tt-bmi.ch">www.tt-bmi.ch</a> . The number of places is limited.

This Summer School is held as part of the project TT-BMI - Think Tank Business Model Innovation. For more information visit [www.TT-BMI.ch](http://www.TT-BMI.ch)