

JNST-000E: Project Development

Wednesdays 6:15-8:45

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Project Development is a dedicated space for students to pursue independent learning projects not offered by the University of Redlands. These projects can be anything that requires a semester's worth of work, for example: writing a children's book; creating an art exhibit; learning to do comedy stand up; writing a research paper; learning a new technological or art skill; writing a handbook for a local organization; making a podcast or video; planning an event; creating a class syllabus; starting a charity; and on and on.

A term used in all sorts of business and creative endeavors, "project development" is the process of conceptualizing and creating a project using specific steps for implementation. In this class, students will pursue their independent projects using five steps: 1.) Initiation: setting and clarifying objectives 2.) Planning: creating an outline, timeline, and budget. 3.) Implementation: execution of the project. 4.) Project Presentation through a class showcase 5.) Project Evaluation: holistic and self-aware assessment.

Success in this class requires excellent "executive functioning" skills—the ability to set goals, meet deadlines, stay focused, and pivot and troubleshoot when needed. However, Project Development is also a great place to develop these skills! So if you have a project you'd like to pursue and a passion for bringing it to fruition, this is a great space to learn how to organize your thoughts and actions.

Meeting weekly, students will provide updates about their own work, reflect on readings, and offer feedback on and support for their peers' projects. Students will be required to keep a regularly updated online portfolio of their weekly work, as well as participate in the class' final showcase.