This practical “hands on” course is designed for Caltech upperclassmen (sophomore and beyond) and graduate students who are interested in starting up high tech companies early in their careers or want to be key contributors in new emerging technology companies.

The course introduces students to:

- evaluating new technologies for commercial feasibility
- creating attractive business models around technical innovations
- attracting resources (key people, strategic partners, and financing) to start a new ventures
- structuring and negotiating important relationships
- managing early stage companies to “launch velocity”

“E102 is a phenomenal course which introduces students with technical backgrounds to the challenges involved in starting a successful technology-based business. By the end of the term, I not only had an improved respect for these challenges but also greater confidence that I could face them. I would recommend this course to anybody with limited business experience who is even considering applying his or her science/technology education in a non-academic setting.” —Ross Elliot, Ph.D. candidate in Mathematics and graduating in June.

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