

Interdisciplinary Course for Spring 2009  
**Creativity, Innovation and Vision**

Rubric: **ENG 198**  
Credit: 4 credit hours  
Locations: to be determined



<u>CRN</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Time, Day</u>
51197	C1	1:00-2:20, Tuesday & Thursday
51198	C2	2:30-3:50, Tuesday & Thursday
51200	C3	2:30-3:50, Tuesday & Thursday

*The creative process starts with a sense that there is a puzzle somewhere, or a task to be accomplished. Perhaps something is not right, somewhere there is a conflict, a tension, a need to be satisfied. – Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Creativity*

**Creativity is a skill that you can use often, and this course will help you increase your creativity.**

In “Creativity, Innovation and Vision,” we will study a mix of theory and practice. You will explore the nature of creativity, how creativity works and how vision becomes reality. You will also practice techniques to enhance personal and group creativity. A major semester project will allow you the opportunity to (a) create a product, process or service or (b) create solutions for a nonprofit organization with a self-defined need or opportunity.

**The purpose of this course is to enhance and increase your creativity, innovation, and vision.**

You will construct your own personal knowledge, understanding and skills. Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:

1. **understand and use techniques** to generate ideas – access a **set of tools** for creativity,
2. **apply creativity** to life in individual and group settings,
3. **foster an environment** for creativity, including **dealing with obstacles** to creativity,
4. **evaluate or critique** your own ideas and those of others,
5. **understand** and use a **theory** of creativity,
6. **lead others** in creative processes, and
7. **communicate ideas effectively** and creatively to bring about change in your domain/field.

This course is about enhancing your personal creativity: seeing what others do not see, thinking what others do not think; accomplishing what others do not accomplish.

**This course is open to all students, every major and every year in school.  
The only prerequisite is a desire to increase your creativity.**

For more, see: <http://www.engr.uiuc.edu/moodle/course/>