

A primer in Entrepreneurship



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Course outline

Part 1: The decision to become an entrepreneur

Part 2: Developing successful business ideas

Part 3: Moving from an idea to an entrepreneurial firm

Part 4: Managing and growing an entrepreneurial firm



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Part 1: The decision to become an entrepreneur (Chapter 1 & 1.5)

1. People become entrepreneurs to
 - a. be their own boss
 - b. pursue their own ideas
 - c. realize financial rewards

2. A triggering event prompts an individual to become an entrepreneur (lose job and find time now).

3. Entrepreneurs as Jack-of-all trades; O-ring theory of entrepreneurship



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Part 2: Developing successful business ideas (Chapters 2-6)

1. Many new businesses fail not because the entrepreneur didn't work hard but because there was no real opportunity to begin with.
2. Developing a successful business idea includes:
 1. opportunity recognition
 2. feasibility analysis
 3. writing a business plan
 4. industry and competitors analysis
 5. development of an effective business model



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Part 3: Moving from an idea to an entrepreneurial firm (Chapters 7-10)

Chapters deal with:

1. preparing the proper ethical and legal foundation
2. assessing a new venture's financial strength and viability
3. building a new venture team
4. getting financing or funding



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Part 4: Managing and growing an entrepreneurial firm (Chapters 11-15)

1. Given today's competitive environment, all firms must be managed and grown properly to ensure their ongoing success. This is the final stage of the entrepreneurial process.
2. Chapters focus on
 1. unique marketing issue confronting new ventures
 2. importance of intellectual property
 3. preparing for and evaluating the challenges of growth
 4. strategies for firm growth
 5. franchising



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 - II. Changing demographics of entrepreneurs
 - III. Entrepreneurship's importance

1.5 Entrepreneurship theory



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Part 2: Developing successful business ideas

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 2. Techniques for generating ideas
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Part 2: Developing successful business ideas (cont.)

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 1. Introduction to financial management
 2. Financial statements and forecasts
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 1. The importance of intellectual property
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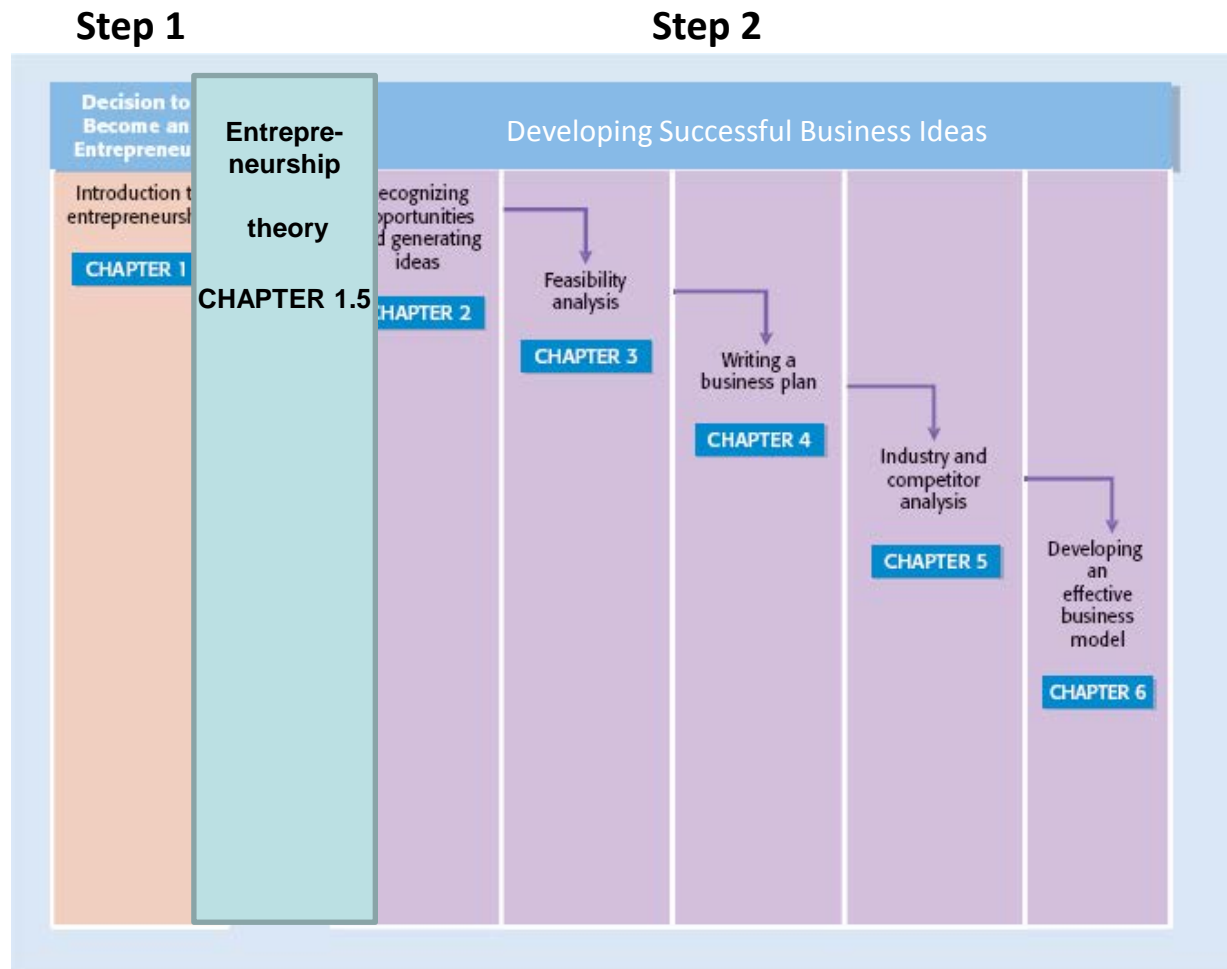
1. Internal growth strategies
2. External growth strategies

15. Franchising

1. What is franchising and how does it work?
2. Establishing a franchise system
3. Buying a franchise
4. Legal aspects of the franchise relationship
5. More about franchising



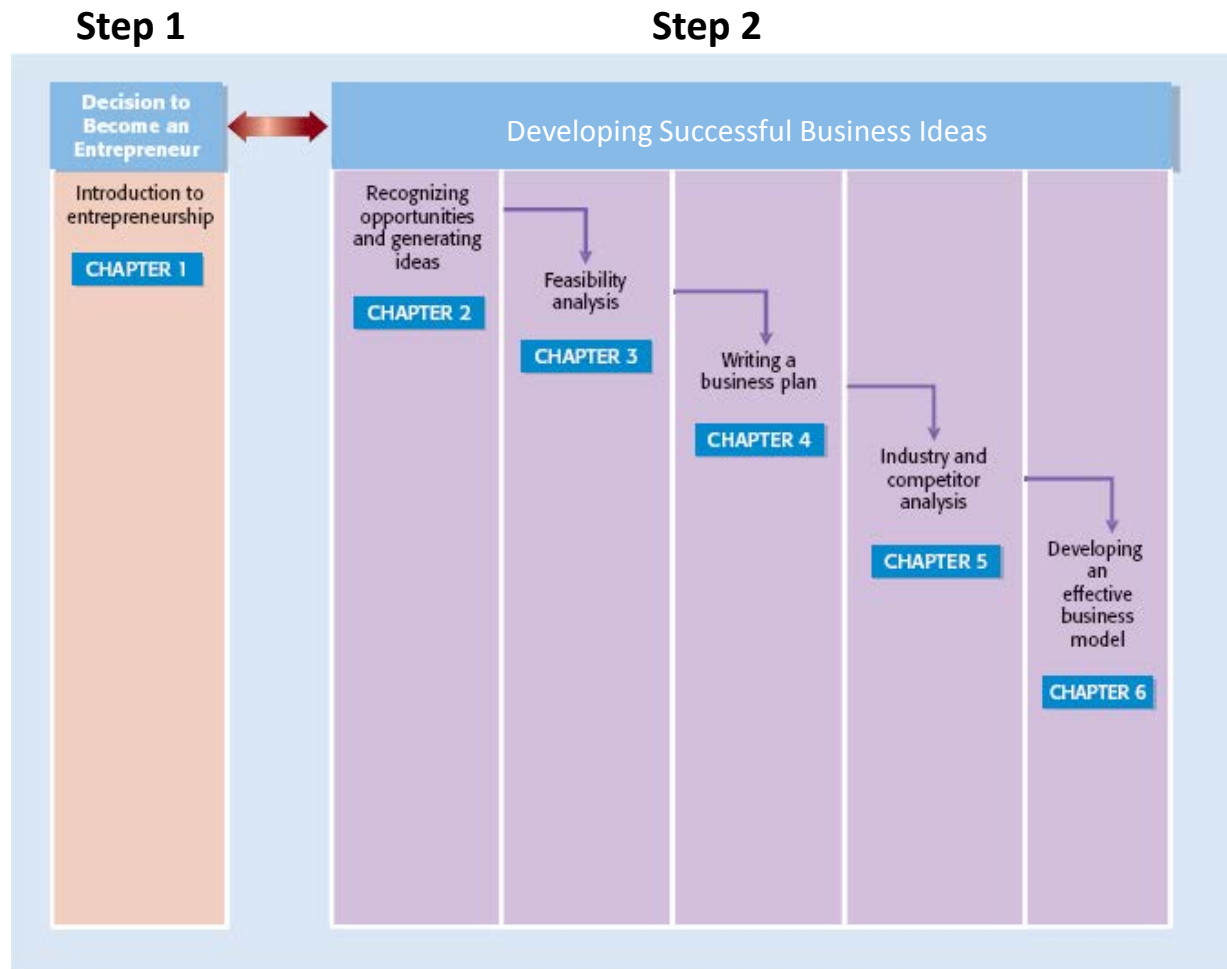
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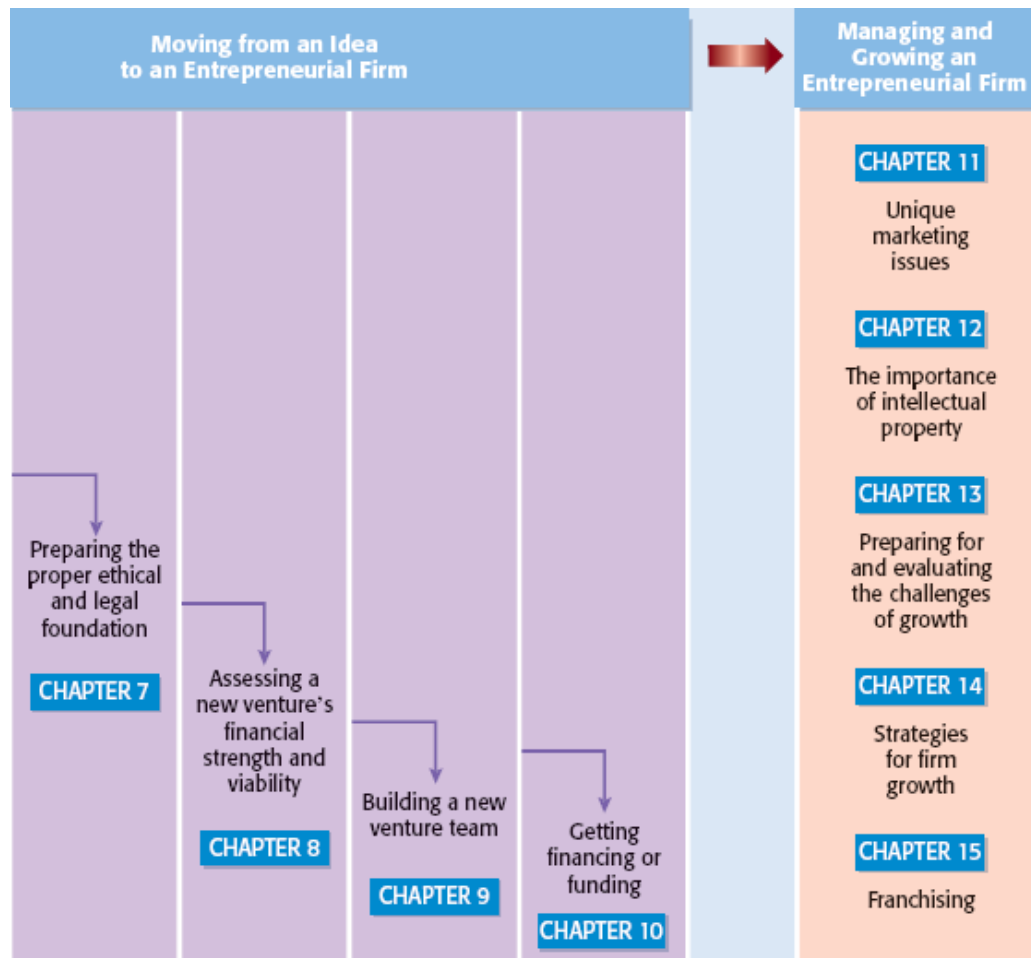
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