



**Punjab Startup
Entrepreneurship Mindset
Semester 2 Curriculum**

Syllabus Overview by Semester

Semester 1: Setup & Launch

In Semester 1, students will explore what entrepreneurship means and how it connects to their daily lives. They will learn to identify problems, shape simple business ideas, and test them in real settings. This semester builds the foundation—mindset, observation, value creation, and action.

Semester 2: Marketing Basics

In Semester 2, students will learn how to attract customers and grow their visibility using digital platforms and community-based marketing strategies. Students will also begin to run paid advertising campaigns and learn how to optimize their marketing efforts.

Semester 3: Operations & Scale

This semester focuses on the day-to-day operations of running a business, including order fulfillment, customer service, and logistics. Students will also focus on scaling operations as demand grows, with an emphasis on managing resources effectively.

Semester 4: Organic Growth

Students will learn how to grow their businesses organically, using referrals, partnerships, and community engagement. This semester focuses on building a loyal customer base and using word-of-mouth marketing to increase reach and credibility.

Semester 5: AI Automation & Financial Mastery

The final semester prepares students for long-term sustainability. Students integrate AI to improve productivity, automate routine tasks, and enhance decision-making. They also dive deep into financial planning, learning to set income goals, track expenses, understand profit margins, and create simple financial forecasts. This semester helps students solidify their entrepreneurial identity design systems for financial stability and scalability.

Semester Snapshot - Semester 2

Entrepreneurship 102/201 (Marketing Basics)

Introduction

This semester helps learners understand marketing as a practical life skill - not just “advertising.” It teaches them how to communicate value, attract the right customers, and grow something small into something sustainable. Learners explore the basics of customer psychology, messaging, content creation, and simple sales strategies. Through hands-on activities, they will practice real marketing techniques for their micro-hustle or a simulated business idea, learning how to get attention, build trust, and generate sales.

Learners Objective

- Understand the core concepts of marketing using simple, relatable real-world examples.
- Learn how customers think, choose, and buy—and how businesses influence decisions ethically.
- Identify and define a target customer clearly instead of “selling to everyone.”
- Create clear messaging: what they sell, who it helps, and why it matters.
- Use basic marketing channels (offline + online) to attract customers.
- Run a simple marketing campaign and measure what worked.
- Build confidence in selling, promoting, and talking about their product/service.

Outcome

By the end of this semester, learners will be able to market a product/service using basic strategies, attract real customers, and improve their results through feedback and experimentation.

Guiding Principles/Approach

This syllabus is built on action-based learning, clarity-first communication, and customer-first thinking. Learners don’t just *study* marketing - they *practice* it in real situations through small experiments and repeated improvement. The course is designed to feel approachable and practical: learners create simple content, test messaging, talk to real people, and observe what influences decisions.

Instead of heavy theory, students build marketing skills through doing: customer discovery, storytelling, channel experiments, and reflection. The curriculum emphasizes confidence-building, ethical marketing, and communication as a leadership skill. By helping learners see results quickly (even small wins like one customer or one inquiry), the program builds motivation, creativity, and real-world business readiness.

Semester 2 Curriculum

Recap Milestone

The recap milestone focuses on revising all the 12 milestones of semester 1 and also helps students understand the upcoming 12 milestones journey of semester 2.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title			
Recap	Recap and Introduction	Revise what you learned in Semester 1 and plan what you will do in Semester 2	1	Revise first 12 milestones of Semester 1	Watch a video on "Semester 1 summary"			
					Download 12 summary cards of Semester 1 milestones			
					Write 3 key learnings of Semester 1			
					Write 3 things you will improve in semester 2			
						2	Set your goals for Semester 2	Attempt Semester 1 Recap Quiz
								Learn how to 4X your revenue in Semester 02 using Marketing
								Read how famous brands use marketing to increase revenue
								Set your marketing goals
					Attempt Semester 2 Readiness Quiz			

Milestone 13: Marketing Fundamentals

Marketing Fundamentals milestone focuses on helping students understand the basics of marketing and how they can use marketing to scale their businesses and generate revenue.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
13	Learn marketing fundamentals to scale your business	Learn how you can use multiple types of marketing to scale your business and grow your revenue	1	Understand what is marketing	Watch a video on marketing fundamentals
					Read examples of famous marketing campaigns in India
					Explain what you learned about marketing
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Learn different types of digital marketing	Watch a video on what is digital marketing
					Read a document on types of digital marketing
					Write what what kind of digital marketing works best for your business and why
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Write 3 marketing ideas for your business	Read a document on how businesses like yours are using marketing to generate revenue
					Write 3 marketing ideas to scale your business
					Validate your ideas with 3-5 people
					Shortlist the best idea and explain how it will generate revenue
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
Attempt task 03 quiz					

Milestone 14: WhatsApp Community Marketing

WhatsApp Community Marketing milestone focuses on helping students learn how to build a WhatsApp community for their users and use it to generate trust, engagement, and sales.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
14	Build and activate your WhatsApp community	Build a WhatsApp community for your users and use it to generate trust, engagement, and sales	1	Create your WhatsApp community	Watch a video on why you should build a WhatsApp Community
					Read a document on how to create a WhatsApp community
					Enter the name of your community
					Upload your WhatsApp community link
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Invite people to join your WhatsApp community	Read a few sample invite and welcome messages
					Draft an invite message to invite 50 people to join your community
					Draft a welcome message for your community members
					Upload a screenshot of your welcome message
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Engage your community users and start building trust	Learn 'how to engage people in your community'
					Read top 10 community engagement ideas for your business
					Write 5 types of content to post weekly in your community
					Create and upload your weekly calendar
					Attempt task 03 quiz
			4	Get 3 sales from your WhatsApp Community	Learn how to do soft-selling on community
					Create a community-only offer
					Learn how to convert interested people into paid customers
					Write a simple plan to generate 3 sales per month from the community
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
Attempt task 04 quiz					

Milestone 15: Generating Content for Marketing using AI

AI-led Content creation and marketing milestone focuses on helping students learn how to use AI tools to generate creative ideas and create professional videos, posters, and blogs.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title			
15	Use AI to generate content for marketing	Learn how to use AI tools to generate creative ideas and create professional videos, posters, and blogs	1	Learn what is content marketing	Watch a video on 'what is content marketing'			
					Learn which content works for brand awareness or revenue generation			
					Write 3 types of content you believe your customers like			
					Attempt task 01 quiz			
			2	Generate content ideas to attract customers	Learn how to use AI to generate content marketing ideas for your business			
					Generate 10 small content ideas to attract your customers			
					Discuss the ideas with your users and take feedback			
					Shortlist top 3 content ideas to attract customers			
								Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Create your first brand video using AI	Watch a video on "How to use AI tools to create simple short videos"			
					Read this guide on how to ask AI to write a video script			
					Generate 5 ideas for your AI videos and write them here			
					Upload your AI generated video link			
					Attempt task 03 quiz			
			4	Create a brand poster using AI	Learn how to create a poster using AI			
					Write a prompt for the poster will you create using AI			
Upload the AI poster you have								

					created
					Post this poster in your WhatsApp community
					Attempt task 04 quiz
			5	Write a blog using AI	Learn how to use prompt engineering to write content for your business
					Read list of topics on which you can write a blog
					Write the topic on which you will write a short blog
					Write the first version of your blog
					Share your blog with your friends and faculty
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
					Attempt task 05 quiz

Milestone 16: Social Media Marketing

Social Media Marketing milestone focuses on helping students learn what social media marketing is and how to create a social media weekly plan that engages users and improves brand visibility.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title			
16	Plan your social media marketing strategy	Learn what is social media marketing and how can you execute it to scale your business	1	Learn what is social media marketing	Watch a video on "Introduction to Social media marketing"			
					Learn different types of social media marketing			
					Read a document on how to use social media marketing to generate revenue			
					Write your understanding of social media marketing			
					Write one social media marketing idea for your business			
					Attempt Task 01 Quiz			
			2	Research your competitors	Learn how to research your competitors			
					Find your competitors			
					Write top 3 things your competitors are posting			
					Find one unique gap that you can capture			
								Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Finalize your content pillars	Watch a video on 'what are content pillars'			
					Read examples of 'content pillars'			
					Write 5 content pillars for your social media strategy			
					Attempt task 03 quiz			
			4	Create your weekly social media plan	Watch a video on 'how to create a weekly social media plan'			
					Look at examples of 'social media calendar'			
					Create and upload your weekly calendar			
					Upload the link of your Instagram Channel			
					Share your experience of doing this milestone			
Attempt task 04 quiz								

Milestone 17: Trust-led Marketing

Trust-led Marketing milestone focuses on helping students build trust through social media proofs, testimonials, or basic engagement and later converting them into leads and sales.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
17	Generate leads and turn them into sales	Use testimonials, conversations, and daily posts to generate leads and close sales.	1	Use social proof to build trust	Identify 2 happy customers
					Create a testimonial post with CTA
					Post testimonial on social media
					Post testimonial on the community
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Make people share their problems	Learn how to ask open-ended questions
					List 5 customer problems
					Post these problems in community and social media
					Evaluate top 2 problems customers face
					Encourage people to share their problems
			3	Help your users with 3-5 days content sprint and generate leads	Brainstorm or use AI to create a solution document for each problem
					Post solution to 1 problem on a daily basis
					DM people to check if your solution is helping them
					Write how many leads did you generate
					Attempt task 03 quiz
			4	Convert leads into sales	Learn how to convert leads into sales
					Soft sell your offering in community and social media
					DM people how can your product help them better
					Follow up after 24 to 48 hours
					Write how many leads you converted into sales
Share your experience of doing this milestone					
Attempt task 04 quiz					

Milestone 18: Viral/Trend Marketing

Viral Marketing milestone focuses on helping students learn how to launch viral campaigns for their businesses using the latest trends and make their brand go viral without spending any money.

Milest one #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
18	Make your brand go viral	Design viral marketing campaigns to reach 5X users without spending any money	1	Learn viral marketing	Understand what is virality and how it works
					Read about top 10 viral marketing campaigns in India
					Write 3 reasons why people share content
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Design 2 viral campaigns for your business	Learn 5 types of common viral marketing strategies
					Read 10 viral marketing ideas for your business
					Design 2 viral campaigns for your business
					Take feedback from people and finalize one campaign
					Set your campaign targets
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Launch one viral campaign to increase customer reach	Create your campaign launch video or poster
					Create your campaign launch message
					Launch your campaign on your social media platform
					Launch your campaign in your WhatsApp community
					Attempt task 03 quiz
			4	Promote your campaign to make it viral	Share your campaign in other groups and forums
					Measure your campaign performance
					Learn how to improve your campaign
					Analyze your campaign and record final metrics
					Enter the summary of your campaign
Share your experience of doing this milestone					
Attempt task 04 quiz					

Milestone 19: BTL/Offline Marketing

BTL/Offline Marketing milestone focuses on helping users learn about BTL (below the line) or offline marketing and use it to reach out to local customers and generate revenue.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
19	Drive revenue through offline/BTL marketing	Use offline activities to reach local customers and generate sales	1	Understand offline or BTL marketing	Watch a video on what is BTL marketing
					Read about famous BTL marketing campaigns
					Write how you can use BTL marketing for your business
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Pick your offline marketing idea	Learn about common offline tactics for your business
					Write 1 offline marketing idea you can execute
					Design your brand poster for offline marketing
					Create your offline marketing offer or pitch
					Practice your pitch with friends and take feedback
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Execute offline marketing in local market	Identify people or locations in local for offline marketing
					Pitch to at least 10 real customers
					Collect contact details for WhatsApp Community invite
					Close at least one sale
					Write your offline marketing metrics
Share your experience of doing this milestone					
Attempt task 03 quiz					

Milestone 20: Collaboration and Affiliate Marketing

Collaboration and Affiliate Marketing milestone focuses on helping users learn about affiliate marketing and how to collaborate with individuals/businesses to reach more customers and generate revenue.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
20	Grow through collaboration and affiliation marketing	Use partners and affiliates to reach new audiences and generate sales	1	Understand affiliate marketing and collaboration	Watch a video on what is affiliate marketing
					Read about top collaboration or affiliate marketing campaigns
					Learn 10 common types of collaboration or affiliate marketing for your business
					Pick 3 types that can work for your business
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Design your affiliation model	Learn how to start an affiliation program
					Decide your commission structure
					Write a pitch for partnership
					Attempt task 03 quiz
			3	Finalize one person or business for collaboration	Learn how to find a right partner for collaboration
					Create a list of 5 to 10 people or businesses for collaboration
					Send your partnership pitch to potential partners
					Write the name of one final partner
					Attempt task 03 quiz
			4	Execute the collaboration	Explain how will the partner market your brand
					Post the link or screenshot of successful collaboration
					Respond to new leads within 24 hours
					Close at least one sale
					Attempt task 04 quiz

					Write number of leads generated
					Write number of sales closed and revenue generated
					Write what worked and how to improve collaboration
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
					Attempt task 05 quiz
			5	Measure your collaboration	

Milestone 21: Advertising Marketing (Meta)

Advertising Marketing milestone focuses on helping users learn how to post a paid ad on Meta (Instagram and Facebook) promoting their business and reach to more users or generate revenue.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
21	Run your first ad on Instagram	Learn how to boost posts or run simple video ads to reach new viewers	1	Setup your Meta Business Suite	Watch a video on why to run ads on Meta
					Learn different types of ads
					Read the guide on Meta Ad account setup
					Setup your Meta Ad account
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Design your first paid ad	Watch samples of good ad designs for your business
					Finalize your ad objective
					Upload the final draft of your ad with final copy and creatives
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Define your target audience and budget	Watch a video on 'how to target the right people for ad'
					Define your target audience
					Learn how to decide the right budget for your ad
					Decide your final budget
					Attempt task 03 quiz
			4	Launch your ad	Learn how to create and launch your ad
					Create your ad and review ad preview
					Upload the screenshot of launched ad
					Attempt task 04 quiz
			5	Manage incoming leads from ad	Draft a message for incoming leads
					Send draft message to leads within 24 hours
Pitch your offer to leads and follow					

					up
					Close at least one sale
					Attempt task 05 quiz
			6	Measure your ad performance	Learn metrics to measure ad performance
					Write money spent and leads or impressions
					Mention CPL or CPM
					Write revenue generated and number of sales closed
					Write what worked and how to improve ads in future
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
					Attempt task 06 quiz

Milestone 22: Psychological Marketing

Psychological Marketing milestone focuses on helping users identify psychological triggers like urgency, pricing, and offers, and use them to increase conversions and revenue.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
22	Use Psychological Triggers to Increase Sales	Learn how to use urgency, pricing, and offers to increase conversions and revenue	1	Understand the psychological triggers	Learn why people buy products
					Share a story of one product you purchased because of a trigger
					Identify buying triggers for your business
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Execute FOMO or urgency marketing	Learn how to create a FOMO or urgency marketing campaign
					Write how will you create FOMO or urgency for your customers
					Create one FOMO/urgency marketing campaign
					Launch your campaign on social media and community
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Execute one offer or discount marketing campaign	Learn how to create offer or discounting marketing campaigns
					Write how will you create an offer/discount campaign
					Create one offer/discount campaign for your customers
					Launch your campaign on social media and community
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
					Attempt task 03 quiz

Milestone 23: Data-Driven Marketing

Data-Driven Marketing milestone focuses on helping users analyze the data of the last 10 milestones and run specific campaigns or ideas that resulted in lead generation or revenue.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title
23	Use Data-Driven Marketing to Grow Faster	Analyze data of the last 10 milestones to identify top campaigns or ideas and decide what to continue, improve, or stop.	1	Analyze your marketing data	Learn how businesses make decisions using data
					List 3 things that worked well and why
					List 3 things that didn't work well and why
					Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Re-execute top performing campaign	Re-execute top 1-2 campaigns for 1 week
					Write how it helped generate leads or revenue
					Attempt task 02 quiz
			3	Improve one low performing campaign and relaunch it	Pick one low performing campaign and write how to improve it
					Improve the campaign and relaunch it
					Measure its performance and see if it was better
					Share your experience of doing this milestone
					Attempt task 03 quiz

Milestone 24: Closure and Next Step

The final milestone focuses on helping users reflect on their learnings and also create an action plan for the next few months to continue to scale and grow their business.

Milestone #	Milestone Name	Milestone Description	Task #	Task Title	Activity title		
24	Plan your next growth phase	Document your 12 weeks of learning and create a 1 month plan to scale and grow your business	1	Review your progress	List all the ideas you executed		
					Write which milestone helped you the most and how		
					Write which milestone helped you the least and why		
					Write your key learnings from this semester		
					Create a not-to-do list for your business		
							Attempt task 01 quiz
			2	Create your 1 month marketing plan	Learn how to create a 1 month marketing plan		
					Set your marketing goal		
					Create and upload your 1 month plan to achieve this goal		
					Share your experience of doing this milestone		
Attempt final semester quiz							