

Embedding the SDGs into NYU Stern's First-Year Intro to Business course

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Core Curriculum Overview

The NYU Stern Social Impact Core Curriculum helps students to:

- Become aware of multiple stakeholder perspectives on important business issues
- Develop a nuanced understanding of the many relationships between corporations, governments, NGO's, market economies and civil society
- Begin the process of developing professional ethics in harmony with their own personal values
- Learn to articulate, defend, and reflect critically on a point of view.



Business and Society Overview: Our goal: Students reconsider "value"

The learning objectives for Business and Society include:

- Able to analyze the role of business in society from multiple perspectives and stakeholder interests, while drawing on various academic disciplines.
- Able to think critically and creatively about how business can respond to current global challenges by creating economic, social, and environmental value.
- Able to speak and write clearly and persuasively about business and society.



The course follows a weekly process.

Monday night plenary (>600 students)

- Speaker / interview
- Themes: climate change, equity, ESG investing, implicit bias, circular economy, corporate sustainability, disruptive technology
- SDG themes: poverty, education, responsible consumption & production, economic inequality, financial inclusion

Two weekly sessions (approx. 20 students/section)

- Discussion of speaker topics + new themes: stakeholder/stockholder, social contract, bias...
- Exercises in thinking and writing:
 Role plays, exercise (veil of ignorance), writing workshops

The course builds in 3 steps

Unit 1 - Case study

- Selected social problem related to business
- Curated List of resources
- Weekly journaling
- Final analytical research paper

Unit 2 - SDGs/social issues

- Students select social problem (related to business)
- Research their own resources
- Weekly journaling
- Final analytical research paper

Unit 3 Business-related solutions

- Students select social problem related to business
- Research their own resources
- Weekly journaling
- Final research recommendation

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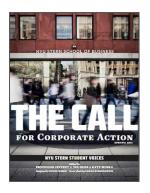




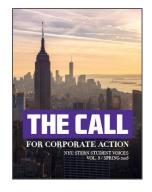
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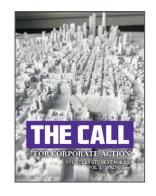
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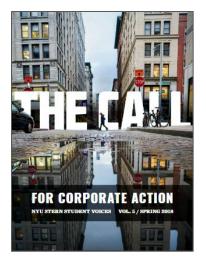
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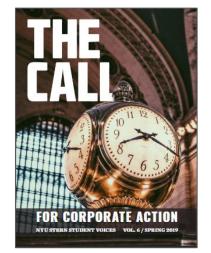


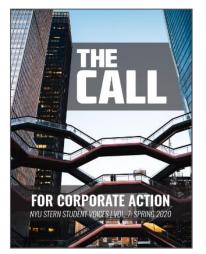


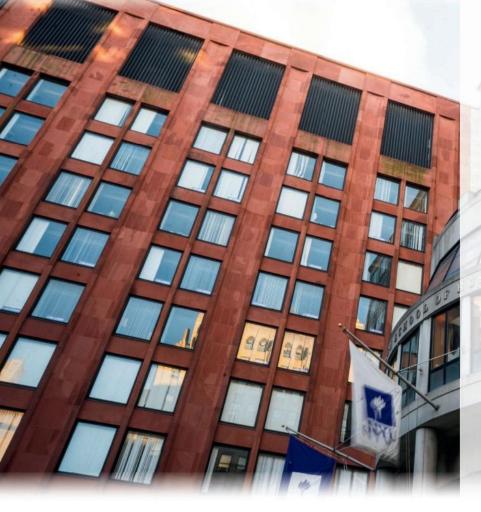












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