

Week 5 Journal Entries

1. What are the connections between the disciplines addressing entrepreneurship at ODU?

Different disciplines can provide a multitude of knowledge. Any discipline can help an entrepreneur. Some may think that they have to get a business degree to be an entrepreneur, but this is further from the truth. I'm currently working in an interdisciplinary studies course, and it has really shown just how interconnected disciplines can be, and how we can use that to our advantage. Disciplines are often narrowly focused, so looking at things through an interdisciplinary perspective can show new problems and solutions.

2. Is entrepreneurship an art or science?

The answer to this question can vary depending on who is asked. In my opinion, being an entrepreneur is both an art and a science. From an artistic standpoint, entrepreneurship requires creativity, and the ability to think outside of the box. From a scientific standpoint, analytical or data information may be useful to utilize. Mixing these two factors until a good result is reached is how many entrepreneurs make it big!

3. How is failure good?

Although failure makes us feel bad, it is not the end of the world. Don't count your losses, but instead call them lessons. Just how gold is refined by fire in the furnace, entrepreneurs are refined too. Entrepreneurs may make mistakes, and experience a multitude of trials and tribulations along the way. However, the end result will yield something amazing! Failures help us to improve ourselves, and gain wisdom and experience. It is better to fail and learn now than later. Design thinking brings up great points in regards to working out the kinks early on.

4. What have I learned from failing?

Failing has helped me to improve the way I do things. For example, if I make a mistake in something that I'm working on, it is upsetting initially. However, I quickly learned what went wrong and how to fix it. As time goes on, the knowledge and experience gained from these failures can help in the future to help get the job done right the first time. Also, failure builds discipline and patience, and helps us become more humble, because we don't know everything.

5. What ethical issues might arise related to what I am working on?

Ethical issues can be unsteady ground at times because they are often subjective. People may not agree with what an entrepreneur is working on, or they simply do not want an independent person to succeed in life. Sadly, this is the case in many situations. People always have something to say, so it is important to avoid the bad vibes and focus on your purpose. With new projects or inventions, society may not be in favor of it, or even understand it. For example, I'm working on AI detection software in this course. Some may think that it is unethical to try to detect AI information, while others may think transparency is required at all times.