

Stephan Billinger - Teaching Portfolio

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TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

In my view, students learn best through active engagement in the topic they are learning. Accordingly, teaching should aim to create an atmosphere that promotes active engagement. At university level, achieving this requires a carefully balanced mix of selected readings and other preparation material as well as different teaching methods, chosen for appropriateness in a given situation. When this is done right, it results not just in "book learning" but also lively in-class debates that promote a deeper understanding of the topic, including its theoretical underpinning and areas of practical application.

My teaching philosophy aims at delivering the above to the great majority of students in the classroom. I rely on traditional and contemporary teaching methods that I balance in all classes. My aim is further to inspire enthusiasm regarding topics concerning strategy and organization, which I do by introducing the latest research results as well as some of my own research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Advanced Management Principles (mandatory course within the master program, 10 ECTS): 2012-today
- Business Strategy (mandatory course within the master program, 10 ECTS): 2006-today
- Advanced Management Principles (elective course within MBA, 5 ECTS): PI initiated, developed and delivered; 2015; 2017; overall student rating: 4.9/5.0
- Strategy Theory (mandatory course within the EMBA, 10 ECTS): Jointly developed and delivered with Thorbjørn Knudsen; 2008-2014
- Value Chain Design (elective course within the master program, 10 ECTS): Initiated and developed course; jointly taught with Ole B. Olesen, 2007-2015
- Models of Leadership (elective course within MBA, 5 ECTS): Jointly developed and delivered with Thorbjørn Knudsen; 2008-2011

Pedagogical Competence

Stephan Billinger completed SDU's pedagogical training in 2007