

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SIFE

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1. **What is SIFE?**
Students In Free Enterprise

2. **What is SIFE About?**
SIFE is a not-for-profit organization supported by individuals, foundations, and corporations whose mission is to build collegiate SIFE teams who teach free enterprise in order to better individuals, communities, and countries.

3. **What is a project?**
Any activity—either entrepreneurial or educational—which explains, promotes, or demonstrates capitalism and free enterprise according to these key areas:
 - Understanding free markets in a global economy
 - Identifying a market need and profitably producing and marketing a product/service to fill that need
 - Teaching success skills
 - Helping entrepreneurs succeed
 - Teaching financial responsibility
 - Teaching ethics
 - Maintaining sustainability for the team and its projects

4. **Do I have to create new projects on my own?**
No. SIFE has many legacy projects that are done each year. However, we always welcome and encourage new project ideas after you are an officer

5. **Where can I find old projects?**
On-line and in the SIFE files in the SIFE room or Mrs. West's office. If you have any questions, ask Mrs. West or any officer.

6. **How much time does SIFE require per week?**
Two and a half hours total class time. As in any organization, as projects are in progress, more time is necessary. Flexible scheduling is a benefit of SIFE.

7. **Do I have to be enrolled in class to participate?**
No. In order to receive college credit, you must be enrolled, but extra curricular members are also encouraged, as well as non-business majors.
8. **Is attendance mandatory?**
Any student enrolled in the course is required to attend. Attendance is important, but if you cannot attend, you need to e-mail the SIFE secretary and give an explanation. Attendance is a portion of the grade.
9. **How are projects evaluated?**
- Creativity/Innovation
 - Clarity of project objectives
 - Professionalism
 - Cost efficiency
 - Organization of project
10. **Do we have to do projects individually or can we do them in groups?**
Both are great, but we encourage self-development and leadership. Each group will have a leader, and we wish to see individual initiative. Projects must be done individually for credit while incorporating the opinions and ideas of other members.
11. **Can the course count towards my business degree plan?**
The course can be used as an upper-division business elective, writing intensive.
12. **How can one earn an “A” in this class?**
By being a leader and completing four projects as well as by helping on one or more (preferably more) projects, and receiving a media hit.
13. **How do I enroll?**
- Student I.D. # to Mrs. West
 - Enroll through CATS—Management 3350