Develop Your Strategic Thinking Skills

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Description: Employers surveys consistently report that employers want graduates to have critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Chances are, yours are nowhere where they need to be. I know, I used to be in your position.

This talk is an introduction to my ENGI/LEAD 545 which will run in the spring. I'll introduce a four-step process for approaching complex, ill-defined problems (frame the problem, diagnose the problem, develop possible solutions and choose, implement and correct) and give you some practical tools to follow it (issue maps, MECE thinking, evidence-assertion framework, …). Oh, and this skill set won’t just help you after you graduate; it will help you graduate faster, too.

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2017
What time: 3:00-4:00 PM
Where: Sewall Hall 303

Registration is required.

Arnaud Chevallier is a Rice PhD (Mechanical Engineering, '01) who went into management consulting with Accenture’s strategy practice before coming back to academia. Over the past 15 years, he’s been researching tools to help people solve complex, ill-defined problems and develop transferrable skills.

About ENGI/LEAD 545:

"The course integrated a large number of very practical and broadly applicable concepts. It provided tools that can be used almost anytime to solve any problem. It was the most useful course I have taken at Rice so far."

"The information provided in the class is incredibly valuable to students in any field! The course is structured in such a way that you learn from classmates as well as the instructor. It was one of the most useful classes I've taken."

"I believe the course is indispensable, beyond sharpening my problem-solving skills, it improved my communication skills as well. It is a course which will be useful far into the future."

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