

WHO WE ARE

The Second City, the world-famous improv comedy institution, created ReWireU to enable the growth of high-potential individual contributors and leaders through improvisational-based skills. Combining the teaching methods that educate 15,000+ students annually in the Second City Training Center with the most relevant business applications from 600+ annual Second City Works' corporate engagements, RewireU gives companies the opportunity to develop a generation of resilient leaders who consistently practice the skills they learn.

THE CORE



ENSEMBLE



AUTHENTICITY



RESILIENCE



INNOVATION



PRACTICE

INTENSIVE COURSE

2.5 DAYS

DAY 1

ENSEMBLE

Build a team that works together to a common goal

AM

AUTHENTICITY

Increase awareness of ourselves and others

PM

DAY 2

RESILIENCE

Build the ability to overcome obstacles, shift focus and be agile
Participants will be asked to complete assignments to reflect on their experience and prepare for Day 2.

AM

INNOVATION

Create an environment of new ideas and openness to change
Participants will be asked to complete assignments to reflect on their experience and prepare for the final test.

PM

DAY 3

PRACTICE

Practice and Application including a Certification of the Core Course.

AM

IMMERSION COURSE

5 WEEKS (3 HOUR CLASSES)

Classes are every other week. Down weeks focus on assignments.

WEEK 1 ENSEMBLE

HOMEWORK

WEEK 2 AUTHENTICITY

HOMEWORK

WEEK 3 RESILIENCE

HOMEWORK

WEEK 4 INNOVATION

HOMEWORK

WEEK 5 PRACTICE

Certification of the Core Course



Center for Decision Research

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND THE SECOND CITY: A COLLABORATION OF SCIENCE AND ART

The Second City and the University of Chicago Booth School of Business have partnered to study aspects of human behavior and experience that are relevant to improvisation. This unique partnership will infuse our teaching with research from scholars at Chicago Booth's Center for Decision Research as together we explore the intersection of improvisation and everyday human experience.

RETHINK HOW YOU WORK

RewireU participants will return to the workplace inspiring forward-thinking creative behaviors, helping their organizations be happier and more productive. With each course including participants from multiple companies across disciplines – from marketers to sellers to business line leaders – your organization will benefit from the diversity of perspective. The curriculum will teach participants how to shape their minds and practice to be more like that of an improviser: nimble, adaptable, and accepting of ideas. Come join us at RewireU – The Second City Learning Lab. Seats for each term are limited to preserve a unique learning experience!

THE CORE | CLASS BREAKDOWN

IN THE FIRST HALF of each class, participants will be immersed in the skills through multiple improv exercises in their pure form. This will allow them to get familiar with play and fully practice each skill without the interruption of discussion or debrief.

IN THE SECOND HALF we expound upon those skills and move toward connecting and applying them to the workplace through furthered learning, play, and discussion. This is where we will be applying external research, influential case studies, supporting evidence, and integration with the University of Chicago.

YOU WILL GAIN

KEY CONCEPTS



ENSEMBLE

How is collaboration more than just gathering together?
The ability to work effectively as a unit toward a common goal. In doing so we are able to create something greater together than any one of us could on our own.

- Being others focused
- Fostering trust
- I got your back
- Bring a brick, not a cathedral



AUTHENTICITY

What can you bring to an organization that nobody else can bring?
The ability to increase our awareness of who we are and how we interact with others.

- Dropping self judgement
- Aligning action and intention
- Empathy toward diverse perspectives



RESILIENCE

How can you be comfortable being uncomfortable?
The ability to overcome disappointment, shift focus quickly, and confidently adapt to ever-changing environments.

- Projecting confidence in the face of ambiguity or change
- Dealing with disappointment
- Being responsive in the moment



INNOVATION

How can you create for the future by using methods of the past?
The ability to constantly and confidently seek new ideas and be open to change. Help people readily let go of how they think things should be and move confidently toward how they could be.

- Dropping your agenda
- Working from abundance
- Seeing the value in the unexpected
- Rewire your brain for discovery



PRACTICE

What to Expect:

- Alternative Application of themes
- Test Skill Retention
- Comparable data from beginning to end of course

Results in:

- The Core Certification
- Advancement within ReWireU to future classes