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MKT3418 Product & Brand Management

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A product with superior performance should sell better than competitors'. Brand managers' utmost important task is to come up with interesting advertisements. When launching a new product, people might think that the cheaper it is, the better to attract customers. The truth is- absolutely not! As there are many psychological play at work whilst making a purchase decision. After taking this course, you will be given an insight into the various marketing factors and identify the intricacies of product and brand management. This course is designed to help students learn different tasks and decision making processes of a product manager, and understand how each task comes together for a successful product launch and brand management. There will be many different forms of learning, case study analysis, role play and hands on assignments.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The goal of the course is to prepare students for the customer- driven marketing challenges of a product/brand manager. A special feature of this course is its emphasis on hands-on learning of the new product development process so that students acquire the following basic knowledge of framework and analytical skills to launch a new product with clear brand positioning.

1. Market opportunity assessment
2. Market segmentation
3. Product strategy and Brand equity
4. Consumer Management
5. Integrated marketing for successful launch
6. The product life cycle and the strategies involved

PRE-REQUISITE

MKT1003/MKT1003X: Principles of Marketing

TEXTS

- Required Text: Donald R, Lehmann and Russell S. Winer, Product Management, 4th Edition (2005), McGraw Hill
- Reference Text: C, Merle Crawford and C. Anthony Di Benedetto, New Products Management, 11th Edition (2015), McGraw Hill
Janelle Rose, Managing Consumer Markets, 1st Edition, 2013

ASSESSMENT METHODS

a) Class Participation	20%
b) Product Marketing Proposal (Group assignment)	20%
c) Product Marketing Plan (Group assignment)	30%
d) Final Test	30%
TOTAL	100%

a) Class Participation (20%)

Grading of class participation is not based on the amount of engagement but on the quality of questions and comments on the subject discussed. Effective answers to questions, and active involvement in in-class group discussions. Professional courtesy and respect to class are also strictly assessed.

b) Product Marketing Proposal (20%)

A field trip will be conducted to a selected company. Students will need to work in groups to discuss how they could launch the various products in the company. The findings will be put up as a proposal to the management of the company.

c) Product Marketing Plan (30%)

- This is a continuation of the marketing proposal. Students working in the same group must identify, analyse and critically evaluate relevant internal and external market information from a strategic orientation to focus on the development of a product marketing strategy;
- develop an integrated product marketing strategy based on logical arguments and well-reasoned justification;
- devise integrated implementation, evaluation and control procedures for a marketing plan;
- work creatively to devise a product marketing plan that delivers a competitive advantage; and
- demonstrate effective communication skills and the ability to work with others in a professional manner.

d) Final Test (30%)

A final written close book test will be held in the last session.

Academic Honesty & Plagiarism

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Online Module on Plagiarism:

<http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/>

Summary of Class Schedule

Week	Readings	Topic	Assignments
1 12/1	PM: Chapters 1-2	a) Course Overview b) Principles of Product & Brand Management	
2 19/1	MCM: Chapters 4	Analysing and evaluating the marketing environment Case Study: Method for Success	Product marketing proposal & plan
3 25/1		Field Trip	Product marketing proposal & plan
4 2/2	PM: Chapter 8 MCM: Chapter 6	Product Strategy & Brand Equity Consumer and Organisational Behaviour Case Study: Caught Red Handed (Nestle)	Product marketing proposal & plan
5 9/2	(Lunar New Year- Class cancelled)		
6 16/2	PM: Chapter 9 NPM: Chapter 4	Product Development Concept Generation Mid-Term Quiz	<i>Submission of Product marketing Proposal</i> Product marketing plan
Recess Week (20/2 -28/2)			
7 1/3	PM: Chapter 9 NPM: Chapters 8-9	Product Development - Evaluation Case Study: Porsche: Guarding the Old and Bringing the New	Product marketing plan
8 8/3	PM: Chapter 10	New Product Launch & Marketing Mix (I) Activity – Creative Ideas	Product marketing plan
9 15/3	PM: Chapters 11-13	New Product Launch & Marketing Mix (II) Activity: It's Shopping Time!	Product marketing plan
10 22/3	PM: Chapter 8	Product Lifecycle Strategies	Product marketing plan
11 28/3		Group Presentations I	<i>Submission of Product Marketing Project</i>
12 5/4		Group Presentations II	
13 12/4		Final Test & Project Review	