

Integrated Communication Management
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Course Description

We live in a rapidly changing business environment. Marketing concepts that were relevant in the past are no longer pertinent in solving great managerial matters. The new media setting and the internet have definitely changed the way business people think and create. Today's market demands more of a "renaissance professional" than just a "specialized" one. Accordingly, this course brings forward the integrated way of thinking; self-entrepreneurship, the big picture insight of the organization, its problems, challenges and solutions, all in the context of brand promotion. This Class will rely heavily on the case method. Each case analysis presents a different set of integrated communication concepts that will be reviewed independently by the students, their peers and in the classroom. Additionally, students will practice their presentation skills and research abilities.

Overarching Goals and Objectives

- 1) Intangible goals. This class has a unique structure. It offers an opportunity to develop: 1) your own creative way of thinking, while learning about decision making process, 2) who you are and what is important to you in the business setting, 3) sensitivity to worldly, business and ethical issues, and 4) communication skills and courage to express your ideas in a group dynamics and in front of an audience.
- 2) Internalizing the Case method. In class, we will analyze "real life" business situations (aka, cases) that will prepare you as a professional in the field.
- 3) Emphasizing and deepening understanding of some illusive marketing concepts such as branding.
- 4) Developing a practical sense about your own business inclinations, entrepreneurship and desires.

Teaching Methods and structure

The course will combine lecture, discussion, group work and presentation, individual presentation and media.

The course begins with a short overview of the necessary tools in the field of brand promotion and management (mostly a summary of your teachings in the program throughout the years). In the first section of the semester Harvard Business Cases will be discussed in class by the instructor and students. In the second part of the semester, students will be working on their own business project, while focusing on business development as well as brand promotion. Overall, the course is structured in a way that enables students the exciting opportunity to work on their own business entrepreneurship, as well as communication research.

In general, my philosophy emanates from a deep/ spiritual outlook of business, marketing and communication and thus the entire class will be guided based on that particular outlook.

Course Materials

A course packet is available for purchase at the University Co-op. Additional readings and course material will be available through the PCL online resources, and/or will be distributed in class. **Due to the dynamic nature of the class and the possibility of guest speakers' participation, readings and the actual course outline are subject to change. Students will be held accountable for any changed reading material.** In the event changes do occur, reading assignments will be posted on Canvas prior to each class. It is the students' responsibility to check Canvas regularly and before each class.

Recommended reading: “StoryScaping: Stop Creating Ads, Start Creating Worlds” by Gaston Legorburu and Darren McColl (2014).

Assignments

The following section provides a brief summary of the course assignments; further explanations will be provided by the instructor during the course of the semester.

- 1) **Business “from the soul” (team project):** teams will be working on a business idea that is close to their heart and soul. The instructor will give further directions and information in class about the process of choosing the business ideas. Overall, teams will be working on promoting an original business idea and will present final solutions and brand promotion plan towards the end of the semester (comprised of a plan book + presentation).
- 2) **Phases’ presentations (team project):** the business from the soul project is comprised of 3 phases. Each team will present all three phases in class. Each phase takes you a step forward towards the completion of the business from the soul project.

- 3) **Focus Group Team Presentation (team project):** Teams will gain a hands-on experience, conducting focus group research. This research will assist you in advancing your “Business from the soul” project.
- 4) **Case presentation (team project):** your team will be asked to present a case analysis in class! This includes, the case summary, the statement of the problem, suggested alternatives/or solutions, analysis of the data given in the case and finally a concise recommendation for action.
- 5) **Course Attendance:** Students are expected to continuously attend, participate and contribute to class discussion. The instructor and TA will pay careful attention to the participation in class and to the quality of the arguments students make. **Attendance will be maintained by the TA.**

Evaluation

The following percentage breakdown will constitute your final grade. Final grades will be made using plus/minus grades. Specific evaluation instructions will be given to students prior to the assignment’ due date. Please note that most of the assignments are done in groups.

Assignment	Weight
Business “from the Soul” (final presentation + Book) (Team grade)	25%
Phases’ presentations (1+2 +3) (Team grade)	25%
Focus Group Team Presentation (Team grade)	15%
Case presentation (Team grade)	10%
Attendance (Individual grade)	10%
Peer Evaluation (Individual grade)	15%

Grade Distribution:

Point total	Grade
93 or more	A
90-92.99	A-
87-89.99	B+
83-86.99	B
80-82.99	B-
77-79.99	C+
73-76.99	C

70-72.99	C-
60-69.99	D
Below 60	F

Course Outline (Subject to change)

Students are expected to read thoroughly the reading assignments and follow the scheduled deadlines, prior to each class. Additional reading and class materials might be provided in class and on Canvas throughout the semester. The class schedule is subject to change.

Class	Date	Focus	Assignment
1	Wed, Aug. 29	Introduction and syllabus	Handout: “Business from the Soul”
2	Fri, Aug 31	Acquiring the Tools: Focusing on the seed/soul level of the business (“Power of why” video. The tree metaphor.)	1. Thinking about the “why” of your business project.
3	Mon, Sep 3	NO CLASS –Labor DAY	
4	Wed, Sep 5	Acquiring the Tools: Definition, Theory and The Case Method	1. “Planning for Integrated Marketing Communications” (Course Packet) 2. Note on Marketing Strategy (9-598- 061) (Course packet) 3. Creative exercise – drawing!
5	Fri, Sep 7	Acquiring the Tools: Definition, Theory and The Case Method	1. In class exercise: positioning statement 2. “Chapter 1: the case method” (Course Packet).
6	Mon, Sep 10	Preparing “business from the soul” presentation (TA)	In-class independent work
7	Wed, Sep 12	Students’ Presentations	“Business from the soul” presentations

8	Fri, Sep 14	Students' Presentations	"Business from the soul" presentations
9	Mon, Sep 17	Students' Presentations + Voting	"Business from the soul" presentations
10	Wed, Sep 19	Who is in my team? (TA)	1.Meeting with your team in class. 2. Setting the schedule, goals and expectations.
11	Fri, Sep 21	Explaining the structure and objectives of "Business from the Soul" project	Prepare Questions! <u>(Schedule to consult (phase 1): during scheduled office hours)</u>
12	Mon, Sep 24	Implementation: In-class case discussion	<u>Mountain Dew: Selecting New Creative (502040) (Course Packet)</u>
13	Wed, Sep 26	Implementation: In-class case discussion	Charles & Schwab (9-507-005. Course Packet)
14	Fri, Sep 28	Implementation: Students' Presentations	1. Marquee: Reinventing the Business of Nightlife (course packet) Agencies' Presentations
15	Mon, Oct. 1	Implementation: Students' Presentations	1. SVEDKA Vodka (course packet) Agencies' Presentations
16	Wed, Oct. 3	Implementation: Students' Presentations	1. <u>Netflix Inc.: Streaming Away from DVDs (W12850)</u> (course Packet) Agencies' Presentations
17	Fri, Oct. 5	Implementation: Students' Presentations	1. Arnold Communications (Course packet) Agencies' Presentations 2. <u>Cirque du Soleil (403006)</u> (Course packet) Agencies' Presentations
18	Mon, Oct. 8	Implementation: In-class case discussion	1. Domino's Pizza (course packet)

19	Wed, Oct. 10	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 1 presentation – Business from the soul.”
20	Fri, Oct. 12	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 1 presentation – Business from the soul.”
21	Mon, Oct. 15	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 1 presentation – Business from the soul.”
22	Wed, Oct. 17	How to figure out your organizing idea: Phase # 2 (StoryScaping)	Very Important Class – Don’t miss it!
23	Fri, Oct. 19	Learning about Focus Groups: Demonstration +lecture	
24	Mon, Oct. 22	Consultations	Be prepared (schedule more consultations during office hours)
25	Wed, Oct. 24	Advancing your Phase 2	Focus Group Team presentations
26	Fri, Oct. 26	Advancing your Phase 2	Focus Group Team presentations
27	Mon, Oct. 29	Advancing your Phase 2	Focus Group Team presentations
28	Wed, Oct. 31	Consultations	
29	Fri, Nov. 2	Consultations	
30	Mon, Nov. 5	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 2 presentation – Business from the soul.”
31	Wed, Nov. 7	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 2 presentation – Business from the soul.”
32	Fri, Nov. 9	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 2 presentation – Business from the soul.”
33	Mon, Nov. 12	Consultations	
34	Wed, Nov. 14	Consultations	
35	Fri, Nov. 16	Consultations	
36	Mon, Nov. 19	Guest Speaker or HRC	
37	Wed, Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Break – No Class	
38	Fri, Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Break – No Class	

39	Mon, Nov. 26	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 3 presentation – Business from the soul.”
40	Wed, Nov. 28	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 3 presentation – Business from the soul.”
41	Fri, Nov. 30	“Business from the Soul” project: Presentation+ Feedback	“Phase 3 presentation – Business from the soul.”
42	Mon, Dec. 3	Final in class consultation + survey	
43	Wed, Dec. 5	“Business from the Soul”: Final Presentation	Final Presentations
44	Fri, Dec. 7	“Business from the Soul”: Final Presentation	Final Presentations
45	Mon, Dec. 10	“Business from the Soul”: Final Presentation	Final Presentations (All books are due!!!)

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