

Course Outline

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Course Title : Advertising and Promotion Management
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Overview

There has been a shake-up in the game rules of how advertising and promotions can be carried out in the market with the rapid growth of communications through digital media, particularly the internet, search engine, social media, and mobile devices, together with the rise of online communities and user-generated word-of-mouth content.

Advertising and Promotion, being the pivotal 4th 'P' of Marketing, is about developing, integrating, and executing communications programs effectively, in shaping consumers' brand preferences, upholding brand and corporate reputation, as well as achieving marketing and promotion goals.

The dynamic changes in how consumers interact and communicate today through the revolutionary advances in technology and digital media, exploring and learning Advertising and Promotion has never been more exciting!

Come join us in learning and equipping yourself with the necessary knowledge, techniques and strategies on how you could effectively reach out and engage your target audiences, what tools and media to use and leverage on for a coherent Integrated Marketing Communications Campaign.

Course Objectives

This course aims to accomplish the following:

- Equip students with the knowledge, techniques and strategies in planning, developing and executing communication programs using the following tools :
 - Advertising
 - Internet/Digital Marketing
 - Direct Marketing
 - Personal Selling
 - Sales Promotion
 - Public Relations and Publicity
- Understand the importance of effectively integrating and leveraging on all communication and promotion tools to achieve a coherent movement for product launches, to shape consumers' brand preferences, and to achieve marketing and promotion goals.
- Explore how IMC could be applied in influencing consumer behaviour, consumer's brand choice, consumer's decision process, product diffusion; as well as which IMC tools would be more effective during the different stages of a product life cycle.

Assessment

Assessment Component	Percentage
Class Participation and Discussion	20%
Individual Assignment	20%
Group Assignment 1	30%
Group Assignment 2	15%
Individual Presentation	15%

General Guide & Reading

George E. Belch & Michael A. Belch, *Advertising & Promotion: An Integrated Marketing Communications Perspective*, 13th Edition, McGraw-Hill Education.

William Arens, Michael Weigold, Christian Arens, *Contemporary Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communications*, 17th edition, McGraw-Hill Education.

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About the Lecturer

Canley has years of experience in Cross-Functional Business Management and Operations, Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Communications across multiple industries.

Her ability to think strategically, strong analytical skills, and intuitive business insights have consistently brought positive results to the business units she has led.

Canley has a track record of taking up challenges in different industries where she has no prior experience on, and delivering record performances with her dedication and leadership.

Some of her achievements include successfully reviving a company that has suffered long-term net loss into good profitability within 6 months. The company was said to be in a sunset industry where few other previous General Managers have failed to turn around the business before Canley was tasked with the challenge, and succeeded.

In another new start-up business, Canley has drastically shortened the company's learning curve by successfully turning a major competitor into a business partner, where they share expertise and business models for a quick jump start of the company, saving it much costs and resources.

She has also managed companies with a team of more than 600 employees across all departments, and with a total annual revenue turnover of SGD 50 million.

Canley has experience in managing government projects, including restructuring departments and teams in fulfilment of projects' deliveries. By heading the Marketing and Business Development Departments in various companies, Canley is proficient in budgeting, devising marketing plans and promotional strategies, administering corporate communications and publicity, client acquisition and contract negotiation.

Over the years, Canley has found much joy in being able to give back by inspiring and sharing her knowledge and experience with students in universities when she teaches in the subjects of Marketing, Business Statistics and Market Research. Her teaching philosophy is to cultivate critical thinking with strategic applications of concepts to solve real world business issues, especially in situations where there are limited resources.

Course Schedule

Lesson	Topic	Note
1	Advertising and Promotion - The 4 th 'P' -An Overview of Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) Communication Process Model Noise Mitigation Strategies	Briefing on Course Requirements
2	Marketing & Promotional Process Framework Communication Objectives DAGMAR Hierarchical vs Alternative Response Model High/Low Involvement Products & FCB Grid Message Structure	
3	Advertising Strategy and The Creative Process The Big Idea (Key Benefit) Advertising Slogan Case Discussion	
4	Advertising Appeal Advertising Execution Strategies Case Discussion Advertising Peripheral Cues Poster Strategy and Case Discussion	
5	The Power of Emotional Appeal Case Discussion Destination Marketing & Emotional Appeal Case Discussion	
6	Brand Differentiation & Identity Over Time Case Discussion Media Strategies Case Discussion	
	Recess week	

Lesson	Topic	Note
7	Group Assignment Presentation and Q&A (Group 1,3,5,7)	
8	Group Assignment Presentation and Q&A (Group 2,4,6,8)	
9	Online/Digital Marketing Case Discussion Online Testing Methodologies	
10	Guerrilla Marketing Strategic Business Applications Case Discussion	
11	Public Relations and Publicity Corporate Image Sponsorship Case Discussion	
12	Direct Marketing Sales Promotion Strategies	
13	Campaign Budgeting Measuring Campaign's Effectiveness	