

Course GS-05 INTERNATIONAL MARKETING (45 contact hours)

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Objectives

The overall objective of the Course is to introduce students to the marketing decisions within an organization, from a global perspective. With this aim in mind, we will train participants to apply the basic concepts and techniques in marketing, so that they become familiar with the duties of a marketing manager. More specifically, students will be exposed to the development, evaluation, and implementation of marketing management in a global business environment.

Syllabus

This Core Course in Marketing has been structured in terms of four didactic Parts, each of them corresponding to 12 hours of class and made up of two Units. The four Parts are:

Part 1. To introduce the participant to the fundamental principles of marketing, to the basic concepts and tools used in marketing, and to the importance of building customer relations.

Part 2. To develop a marketing plan, including: the firm's operating environment (macroenvironment and microenvironment), SWOT analysis, marketing strategy elements (segmentation, targeting, and positioning), as well as marketing mix elements (product, price, place, and promotion). To this end, we will assist students in learning how to apply these concepts and to practice making decisions through in-class case analyses.

Part 3. To discuss how the international trade system, as well as economic, political-legal, and cultural environments affect a company's international decisions, to describe the key approaches to entering into international markets, to explain how companies adapt their mixes as far as international markets are concerned, and to identify the major forms of international marketing organization.

Part 4. To explain the importance of information for companies which expand their geographical market coverage, to define the international marketing information system, and to outline the steps in the marketing research process within a global environment.

PART 1. DEFINING MARKETING

Unit 1. Marketing Concepts

1.1. What Is Marketing?

1.2. Core Marketing Concepts.

1.3. Marketing Management Orientations.

Unit 2. Customer Relations Management

2.1. Customer Relations.

2.2. Consumer and Business Buyer Behavior.

2.3. The New Marketing Landscape.

PART 2. DEVELOPING A MARKETING PLAN

Unit 3. Environment and Internal Analysis

- 3.1. Executive Summary.
- 3.2. Situational Analysis.
- 3.3. SWOT Analysis.

Unit 4. Marketing Plan

- 4.1. Objectives.
- 4.2. Marketing Strategies.
- 4.3. Action Programs.
- 4.4. Implementation Controls.

PART 3. THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

Unit 5. To Be or Not to Be International

- 5.1. Global Marketing.
- 5.2. Looking at the Global Marketing Environment.
- 5.3. Deciding Whether to Go International and Which Markets to Enter.

Unit 6. How to Be International

- 6.1. Deciding How to Enter the Market.
- 6.2. Deciding on the Global Marketing Program.
- 6.3. Deciding on the Global Marketing Organization.

PART 4. MARKETING RESEARCH IN A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Unit 7. International Marketing Research

- 7.1. Complexity of International Marketing Research.
- 7.2. Importance of Research for International Marketing Decisions.
- 7.3. The International Marketing Information System.
- 7.4. Designing International Marketing Research.

Unit 8. International Information Sources

- 8.1. Data Sources.
- 8.2. Nonsurvey Data Collection Techniques.
- 8.3. Survey Instrument Design.
- 8.4. Analysis of Multicountry Data.

Through cases and through an in-depth semester project, students will be given opportunities to perform the role of a marketing manager.

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Grading System (Evaluation)

Didactic Sign-posted Examinations	50% (each Part represents 25%)
Presentation of a group paper	40% (International Marketing Plan)
Class attendance	10%