PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS
Global Marketing & Consumer Behavior - Spring 2018
MKTG 3221-001 Course # 22673
Belk College of Business, UNC-Charlotte

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Course Introduction
Building on the fundamentals of marketing, the first part of this course introduces the context of the global environment in Global Marketing. Recognizing the cultural, social, legal, political, financial and geographic dimensions of the global marketplace, the course will assess the impact and integration of global factors in marketing programs.

The second part of the course will examine the field of Consumer Behavior. We will study the processes that impact consumers’ selection, purchase, use and disposal of products, services and ideas in the current dynamic marketplace.

Course Objectives
During the semester, each student is expected to consider the following questions and develop answers to them:

Global Marketing
1. How do local cultures and constraints impact marketing strategies?
2. What do customers need in different countries? How do marketers address those needs?
3. How does the global environment affect what, when, why and how people consume all over the world?
4. What social and ethical responsibilities do global marketers have to stakeholders?
5. How does marketing strategy have to change to accommodate cultural differences?

Consumer Behavior
1. Who and what influences consumers’ selection, purchase, usage and disposal decisions?
2. How do factors such as household, family, social class, and generational cohorts, impact consumption decisions?
3. How do marketers use branding to address consumers’ needs and wants?
4. How and why do innovations diffuse through communities?

Course Prerequisite
Marketing Concepts (MKTG 3110) with a grade of C or better

Reading materials
Global Marketing: Reading matter will be specified and/or posted on Canvas on the relevant class days (under each class’s respective Module).
Student Expectations
Besides the academic training a student should expect to gain in this course, various skills should also be acquired, including:
- Awareness of different cultural markers (e.g. body language of different cultures);
- Oral presentation skills - compose and deliver comprehensive and concise report;
- Working with a team;
- Report writing - compose and present systematic, professional reports.

Course Schedule will be posted on Canvas.

Course Structure
A combination of lectures, visiting speakers, discussions, a group project, reading assignments, written assignments, case studies and exams will be used to achieve the objectives of this course.

Attendance
Regular attendance is necessary for doing well in this course. As upper-level students you are expected to exercise responsibility in managing your general commitments. I appreciate that you have manifold claims on your time, so attendance in regular classes is not mandatory. Exam material comes principally from lectures, class discussions, and assigned readings. Schedule changes are announced in class. You are responsible for making up any and all content in missed classes.

ATTENDANCE is required at all guest lectures and all group presentations. Absences will be penalized (-25% total participation grade; -25% total project grade). Absence is expensive. Note the dates of guest lectures (2) and group presentations (2) and arrange your schedule to be present on those days.

Practice professional conduct. Tardiness and early departure is disruptive and disrespectful, and are strongly discouraged. (Visit the restroom before or after class, not during class.)

Grading

1. Exams 4 x 14% each 56%  
2. Case Analyses 2 x 5% each 10%  
3. Group Project 10%  
4. Class Participation 10%  
5. Homework Assignments 14%  

100%  

Grade Distribution

A: 90-100  
B: 80-89  
C: 70-79  
D: 60-69  
F: lower than 60  

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1. **Exams (4 x 14%)**

All exams are closed-book and must be taken on the assigned dates during the semester. The exams will be based on material from texts, lectures and class discussions. It is imperative that you keep up with readings and attend class.

There will be no make-up exams. If you have to miss an exam, you must have a verifiable University excused absence (e.g. a medical emergency or a university athletic event).

**Exam ownership.** Exams take many hours to prepare and, as a form of intellectual property, belong to those who create them (your professors). Consequently, exams must remain in my possession or under my control at all times unless you are given explicit written permission to keep or copy them. **This means that exam papers cannot be taken out of the room during their administration or during their review at later class meetings, unless explicitly permitted by the instructor.**

Students are encouraged to review their exams during office hours or by appointment for study purposes. Failure to return an exam after taking or reviewing it or removing an exam from my presence at any time will be considered theft of intellectual property. Such action will result in an exam grade of zero and may warrant further disciplinary action.

**Grade appeals.** If you believe that the grade you received on an assignment, exam, or other graded course component was in error or unfair, you may appeal to the instructor in writing within 10 calendar days of the receipt of your grade. The appeal should clearly state the reasons why you believe the grade to be unfair or the nature of the error. Overdue appeals will not be considered.
2. **Case Analyses (2 x 5%)**

Cases are to be prepared with one partner.
Work with a different partner for each case.

2 cases are assigned for analysis and subsequent class discussion:
- **Case #1:** Nestlé in Brazil (New York Times article)
- **Case #2:** Unilever Brands Challenged (Wall Street Journal article)

You are expected to prepare BOTH cases as written reports and for class discussion.

Requirements for each Case Write-up:
- You and your partner should submit one write-up together. List your names in alphabetical order (by last name). Present your analysis as a team, i.e. “we recommend …” rather than “I think …”
- Every effort should be made to work with a partner rather than on your own. Opportunities will be offered during class time to find partners; ultimately it is each student’s responsibility to find a partner.
- You may repeat a partnership, but there will be a penalty of -10%. Repeating a case on your own constitutes repetition, thus attracts the repetition penalty of -10%.
- Your write-up must be 4 - 6 pages, typed and double-spaced, excluding exhibits and appendices. Presentation is important. Attention to details is important. Number your pages. Make sure headings are never at the bottoms of pages. Proof read, proof read.
- Please do not hand in your case in a folder. Stapled pages are fine.
- Grading rubric is available on Canvas. Read the rubric carefully before writing up your first case.
- Case discussion questions may help you identify key issues of the cases.
- Your Case Write-up MUST use the following categories. **Use these headings:**
  - Executive Summary (1 paragraph on 1st page). This typically includes major features of the background, and your assessment of major problem(s) and their solutions (i.e. Recommendations). Executive summary ≠ an introduction.
  - Background (brief summary of case as you see it)
  - Problems (be incisive; identify all problems you see, including those identified in case text)
  - Courses of Action (look at several possibilities)
  - Recommendations (which course of action?)
  - Conclusions
  - Exhibits, appendices, references (include case text and at least one other; use any recognized academic system to acknowledge reference materials)

Along with your grade, you will receive individual qualitative feedback from the instructor. You are expected to read and heed this feedback; this is useful to improve your professionalism and help avoid making the same mistakes in future case studies.

Please review “How to write a great CASE STUDY” on Canvas.

**Hand in** a hard copy of your write-up at the beginning of class on the day of the case discussion. If you need your write-up for the class discussion, please print an extra copy for yourself ahead of class time.
3. **Group Project (10%)**

Students may choose whether to work either on a Global Marketing project (4 teams) or a Consumer Behavior project (6 teams). Students form their own groups of 5 students to work on the project. Please register your preference with the instructor as soon as you have made your selection and formed a group. First-come-first-served.

The Group Project has 3 components:
- Project Proposal 10%
- Final Report 60%
- Oral Presentation 30%

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**Hand in ONE** Project Proposal per group at beginning of class on the due date.

Your Proposal should be 2 pages, double-spaced, and include names of all group members in alphabetical order.

**Hand in ONE** Presentation power point (PPT) hard copy and ONE PPT soft copy per group in class on the presentation date. The hard copy should be printed in black-and-white; 4 slides per page.

**Hand in ONE** Final Report hard copy and ONE soft copy per group in class in the Oral Presentation class on the presentation date.

The Final Report hard copy must be 10 - 15 pages, double-spaced; it must include a title page, with names of all group members in alphabetical order. An executive summary must be no more than one page long, and situated immediately following the title page. The page limit excludes list of contents, appendices, exhibits, references/bibliography. Cite references appropriately, using any recognized academic format. Place your bibliography at the end of the report.

**Global Marketing project**

Choose a specific product/service to introduce to a foreign country, and develop a marketing strategy to bring this product/service to the country, accounting for differences in local culture and other aspects of the local market.

This group project is a simulated, hands-on experience in the development of a global marketing strategy.

Select a specific product/brand and assume your group is the management team running the company marketing the product/brand. Your product/brand should NOT be marketed in that country yet. The product/service/brand may be real or fictitious.

Select any country (excluding the US and Canada), where your company will market your chosen product/service. Each country can be chosen by only one group on a first-come-first-served basis. Let me know as soon as your group chooses a country.

Use the comprehensive Country Notebook guideline posted in Canvas. Some points in the guideline are relevant to some countries but not to others. Use your own judgment based on what we learn during the semester. Do not include information irrelevant to your project.

- The Project Proposal should:
  1. **introduce** the background of the specific firm/product/brand you have selected;
  2. **explain** why you think it has great potential in the target country; and
  3. **discuss** potential concerns and challenges when marketing this product/brand in the target country.
Consumer Behavior project

Develop a marketing segmentation strategy for a new product/service.

This group project is a simulated, hands-on experience in the application of consumer behavior principles in a marketing strategy. Select a specific product/service/brand and assume your group is the management team running the company marketing the product/service/brand. Your product/brand should NOT be marketed in that segment yet. The product/service/brand may be real or fictitious. Select any market segment in the US or any country, where your company will market your chosen product/service/brand. Each product/service/brand can be chosen by only one group on a first-come-first-served basis. Let me know as soon as your group chooses a product/service/brand.

Use the comprehensive strategy guideline posted in Canvas. Some points in the guideline are relevant to some countries but not to others. Use your own judgment based on what we learn during the semester. Do not include information irrelevant to your project.

- The Project Proposal should:
  1. introduce the background of the specific product/service/brand you have selected;
  2. explain why you think it has great potential in the target market segment;
  3. discuss potential concerns and challenges when marketing this product/service/brand.

- The Final Report should contain:
  1. executive summary;
  2. product/service information/history;
  3. cultural analysis;
  4. detailed description of market segment;
  5. competitive analysis; and
  6. preliminary marketing plan.

- The Oral Presentation will be:
  1. presented by ALL group members, i.e. everyone has a speaking part;
  2. 15 minutes long (too long or too short will be penalized), followed by a 3 minute question-and-answer session;
  3. evaluated by the instructor and all your classmates. These evaluations will constitute your grade for the presentation.
4. Class Participation (10%)

Class Participation points are designed to encourage students to demonstrate active interest in the subject at hand. Full and enthusiastic engagement in class discussion is expected. Practice critical thinking and creativity. Listen attentively, and treat peers with patience and respect.

- **CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS**  - Participate enthusiastically and constructively. Demonstrate preparation by referring to assigned readings.
  - QUALITY of your contributions is important; QUANTITY counts too, but less so.
  - Clarifying questions do not count as contributions to class participation.
  - Questions at Group Presentations count toward class participation.
- **CASE STUDIES**  - Be prepared for class discussions.
- **OBSERVE Classroom Etiquette** (details below).
- **ATTENDANCE is required at guest lectures and all group presentations. Absences will be penalized** (-25% total participation grade; -25% total project grade).
- **USE NAME TENTS at all times.** If I don’t know your name, I can’t give you credit. If you make a contribution in class and are not sure your credit has been recorded, check with me immediately after class the same day.
- **Use of CELL/SMART PHONES in class is distracting and discourteous.** Your participation will be penalized.
- **NEGATIVE PARTICIPATION GRADING**  - If you engage in behaviors that distract from the class’s learning environment (such as using a smart phone, allowing screens other than the relevant power point, showing disrespect for classmates, arriving late or leaving early without notice), you will receive -1% for each such infraction.

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Each student’s Class Participation points will be totaled and posted at spring break and updated again at the end of the course. The total will constitute 10% of the final grade.

**Note:** * Classroom discussions  - Technically, 6 points per day for 21 classes = total 126 points. However, it is not possible or necessary for every student to speak up in every class, so this is an incentive for students who contribute frequently to give speaking opportunities to others.

**Classroom Etiquette**

Inappropriate behavior in class distracts from the ability of others to benefit from their in-class experiences. Such inappropriate behavior includes arriving late, leaving early, conducting independent conversations, surfing the web during class, etc. Rude and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Since it is the instructor’s responsibility to provide an environment that is conducive to learning for everyone in the class, points will be deducted from the grade of any student who chooses to repeatedly distract others. In particularly egregious cases, the student will be permanently removed from the class.

Under no circumstances will students be permitted to spend their class time working on assignments for other classes, checking email, surfing the web, or printing out homework. Attempts to pursue such activities will be reflected in lower grades and may lead to removal from the class.
Electronic Devices in Class
Use of smart phones and similar devices are prohibited in the classroom (University rule). Phones must be turned off during class. Students are not permitted to use their phones during class time, including texting. Laptop computers may be used to take notes during class, as long as this does not distract you or other students. Please sit in the back row or at the sides of the classroom to minimize distraction of others.

Exam Protocols
All electronic devices are prohibited during exams. Anyone with a phone or smart watch on his/her person during an exam will be asked to leave the exam.
No hats.
If you leave the exam room during an exam, you will not be permitted to return.
Please note that exam time includes time for bubbling in multiple choice answer sheets. Extra time will not be granted or this purpose.

Visiting Speaker Protocols
No devices/screens. Take notes the old-fashioned way (paper and pen/pencil).
No hats.
Sign in before the speaker begins.
Smart phone photos of screens, slides, etc., are not allowed without the speaker’s permission.

Quality of Work
Professional quality work is expected, both in terms of content and presentation.
• Spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity of expression, and presentation will count in every piece of work you do in this course. If these issues are challenging for you, or if you’d just like to improve your writing, take advantage of the free services of the Writing Resource Center.
• You are graded in this course (and likewise judged in the ‘real’ world) based on what you say or write and how you present. If mechanics are sloppy, your good ideas may be difficult to appreciate. If presentation is polished but ideas are sloppy, results will be mediocre, accordingly.
• Students whose native language is not English must meet the same quality requirements as others.

Team Work (group project)
Each team is responsible for organizing itself, dividing up the work, and deciding how relative contributions should be measured. Remember, peer evaluation at the end of the project constitutes part of your grade for the project.
Suggestion: At the very beginning of the project, formulate and record team rules and expectations. These will drive the culture of your group and should facilitate smooth functioning. In case there are dysfunctional team dynamics, it is your responsibility to promptly inform the instructor and to seek her help. In extreme circumstances, uncooperative group members may be removed from the project.
The group project is a half-semester-long team project. Once you have defined and submitted your proposal, you should notice numerous relevant topics discussed during classes. It may be useful to nominate a team member to record such topics, in order to have them handy when you work on the project. It is strongly recommended that you do not leave research and compilation to the weekend before your hand-in.
Homework (14%)

• All assignments are due at the beginning of class, i.e. 12:30 pm on the due date.
• There are 10 homework assignments. Your best 7 grades will be counted.
• You may drop or ignore up to 3 assignments. Use your freedom to drop assignments as a way of dealing with illness, injury, necessary travel and attendant delays, death in the family, fire or other calamity in your residence, dogs eating homework, malfunctioning or stolen cars, malfunctioning computer, printer, USB, or memory. Dropping the first 3 assignments with plans to do the last 7 is a risky strategy.
• If you turn in all 10 assignments satisfactorily, you will receive an extra 1% on your final grade for the course.
• Subject matter from all 10 assignments may be on exam questions.
• Assignments must be printed, double-spaced, in 12-point type, and no longer than 1 page.
• YOU are responsible for printing your assignment. Campus printers are notoriously out of order when assignments are due. Plan for such contingencies.
• Please put your name in the top RIGHT corner of your paper.

1. DUE Jan.11: Poorly Made in China by Paul Midler
Read excerpt on Canvas. In addition it will be helpful to read the following articles about this book:
What have you learned?
Why do you think this book is on The Economist magazine’s list of Best Books of 2009?

2. DUE Jan.18: the art of woo by G. Richard Shell & Mario Moussa
Read summary of “the art of woo” book in Knowledge@Wharton (link below). What are the main ideas proposed in this book? http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/the-art-of-woo-selling-your-ideas-to-the-entire-organization-one-person-at-a-time/

3. DUE Jan.30: Social Responsibility & Ethics article
Find a news item from any 2015-2018 media source (print or internet) regarding Social Responsibility and/or Ethics in the global arena. Give the name and source of your news item. Write a brief précis of your article. (Note the meaning of ‘précis’.)

4. DUE Feb.13: Unconventional Communications
Global media planners must think ‘outside the box’. Find out about an unusual media usage in the global marketplace. Describe it.

5. DUE Feb.22 date to be confirmed: Visit the Kuehne & Nagel web site: www.kn-portal.com
Send me an e-mail in memo format telling me one interesting thing you learned from the site. No attachments; Maximum 200 words; minimum 100 words. Include word count.

6. DUE Mar.15: Knife & Fork exercise
Go to eat a meal at a restaurant with a friend (or relative). Observe details of the environment – lighting, colors, scents/smells, fabrics, drapes/window treatments, floor coverings, noise level, music, table setting, menu presentation, other diners, style of service. Notice the effect of these details on your experience in the restaurant. What is the point of this exercise?
7. **DUE Mar.22:** Are you what you buy?
What does your stuff say about you? (Focus on one product/service, or one category.)

8. **DUE Apr.10:** Who influences you?
Choose one product or service you buy regularly, and identify the person(s) who influenced you to make that purchase decision. In terms of what you have read about decision making and influencers, categorize this influence. Have you ever questioned that decision? Why or why not?

9. **DUE Nov.9:** Unilever branding
Read the article (in Canvas) about Unilever. Identify some consumer behavior issues that are included explicitly or implicitly in the article.

10. **DUE Apr.24 date to be confirmed:** What did you learn?
Send me an e-mail in memo format describing one interesting thing you learned from the presentation of Guy Powell, our guest speaker.
No attachments, please. Maximum 200 words; minimum 100 words. State word count.

6. **Writing Resources Center Extra Credit** (1½ % + 1¾ %)
Effective and professional writing is essential for all business students, and especially in the field of marketing. If you can’t market yourself properly, how can you be entrusted with marketing a brand?

The Writing Resources Center (WRC) is a free resource on campus, offering one-to-one tutoring to UNCC students, faculty and staff. Your tutor can help you with essential skills like grammar, proofreading, editing, and avoiding plagiarism. This is a great place to gather advice on correct ways to list references. The WRC’s mission statement says, “Our goal is not to fix papers, but to develop better writers.”

WRC offices are in several locations, including Cameron 125, Atkins library and Cone 268; or use virtual consultation for free and professional assistance. Make an appointment: [https://uncc.mywconline.com/](https://uncc.mywconline.com/)

Even if you are already a strong writer, you can benefit from a visit to the WRC. You may take any MKTG 3221 written assignments to the WRC for tutoring assistance. Ask your tutor to email the standard 1-page report to you afterwards. If you forward that report to me within a week of the assignment’s due date, you will receive extra credit for that assignment. I will confirm your extra credit by return email.

- **Case Analysis Write-Up** - both partners must attend for both to receive credit (if only one partner attends, only that partner receives extra credit)
  - extra credit = 25% of your grade on that case
  - maximum 1 case may be used for extra credit

- **Homework Assignments** - extra credit = 25% of your grade on that assignment
  - maximum 3 assignments may be used for extra credit
UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Cell phones & Computers in class:
1. The use of smart phones, pagers, and other communication devices is disruptive, and is therefore prohibited during class.
2. Students may use computers during class for note-taking and other class-related work only.

Students using smart phones or using computers during class for work not related to that class must leave the classroom for the remainder of the class period.

Academic integrity: All UNCC students have the responsibility to be familiar with and to observe the requirements of The UNCC Code of Student Academic Integrity. Imprint these on your brain.

This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor, and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type, and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNCC. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases the course grade is reduced to F. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

http://www.legal.uncc.edu/policies/ps-105.html

Statement on Diversity: The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

Accommodations for Disabilities: UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office in Fretwell 230.