**Advanced Marketing Strategy**: MBA Fall 2017.

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|  |  | Topic | Reading/Assignments |
| Week 1  Sep. 5 | Course Introduction: Assess the Landscape | Basics of Brand Management  **Prepare:** Come prepared with examples of brands that are well-marketed/not well-marketed | |
| Week 2  Sep. 12 | Assess the Landscape | Category Evaluation | **Classroom Presentation:** Your group should come prepared to present the brand for your class project.  **One Page Assignment:** Ikea invades America  **Read:** Marketing Success Through Differentiation--of Anything by Theodore Levitt. |
| Competitive Dynamics | **One Page Assignment:** Nestle |
| Week 3  Sep. 19 | The “Who” | Consumer Segmentation | **One Page Assignment:** Black and Decker Case Study |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** Mountain Man Brewing Company |
| Week 4  Sep. 26 | The “Who” | Segmentation and Targeting | **One Page Assignment:** Porsche: The Cayenne |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** ASICS |
| Week 5  Oct. 3 | The “What” | Commercial and Innovation Strategy | **One Page Assignment:** Cialis Case Study: Getting Ready to Market  Introduce brand equity tool |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** Snapple |
| Week 6  Oct. 10 | Mid-Term Check In | **Prepare and Present:** Brand Management Project Check-In | |
| Week 7  Oct. 31 | The “What” | Retail Strategy | **One Page Assignment:** JC Penney |
| Pricing | **One Page Assignment:** Virgin Mobile USA: Pricing for the Very First Time |
| Week 8  Nov. 14 | The “Why” | Brand Positioning | **One Page Assignment:** Dove: Evolution of a Brand |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** Lululemon Athletica |
| Week 9  Nov. 21 | The “How” | Communication and Execution | **One Page Assignment:** Mini-USA: Finding a New Advertising Agency |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** Kraft Foods Canada: Targeting the Millennial Consumer |
| Week 10  Nov. 28 | The “How” Communication in Mass and Interactive Environments | The “How” Communication in Mass and Interactive Environments | **One Page Assignment:** Coca-Cola Liquid and Linked  **Watch:** Wendy Clark, Liquid and Linked Marketing Presentation (Youtube June 4, 2013)  **Watch:** Bob Hoffman, The Golden Age of Bullsh\*t (Youtube April 10, 2014) |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** Crescent Pure Case Study |
| Week 11  Dec. 5 | The “How” | Interactive Marketing, Social Media, and CRM | **One Page Assignment:** [Sephora Direct Case Study: Investing in Social Media, Video, and Mobile](https://hbr.org/product/sephora-direct-investing-in-social-media-video-and-mobile/511137-PDF-ENG). |
|  | **One Page Assignment:** Accor: Strengthening the Brand with Digital Marketing |
| Week 12  Dec. 12 |  | **Prepare and Present:** Brand Management Project Presentations | |

Recommended Weekly Reading: Adweek, CMO Today at WSJ.

Assignments/Grade Break Down:

* One Page Assignments: 20%. Most classes you will turn in a write up on one of two cases discussed in that session. You are still responsible to prepare the other case for discussion. Each assignment should be one single spaced page written up to the best of your ability according to the framework of the course:
  + **Landscape**:Assess category and competitive dynamics
  + **Who:** Consumer Target and Segmentation
  + **What:** Product strategy
  + **How:** Communication/retail strategy
  + **Strategic Recommendation:** Given the above, what should the strategy be going forward?

Cases will be graded according to “Complete” (10 pts.) “Incomplete” (7 pts.) or “Non-Existent” (0 pts). I will share individual feedback with those who get incompletes or with those who specifically request it.

* Participation: 20% Expectations are that you will come to each class prepared for discussion and that you can respond adequately to both “warm” and “cold” calling. This class has a no electronic device policy except where specifically called for. If you need to use your device for academic reasons, please speak to me before class. Roll will be taken and 100% attendance is expected. You also need to carry your weight on your team to get full credit for the Brand Management Project.

Brand Management Project: Your mid-term and final exams will assess your ability to apply concepts of the class to a brand of your choice. This should not be a brand that any team member has worked on in a professional capacity. You are strongly encouraged to engage yourself in the brand and have a **Brand Immersion Experience** prior to the mid-term that involves your team getting up close and personal with the brand and its consumers. **Make sure that you are a member of a 3-4 person group by the end of Week 1.** Please send your group name, brand chosen, and group members to the TA prior to Class 2. You will give a brief presentation on your brand and why you chose it at the beginning of Class 2 (no ppt necessary).

* Mid-Term Check In: 20%. (Week 7) Opportunity to make sure you and your group are on track for your class project. You will be expected to make a 10 minute presentation during the second hour of class where you provide an overview of the brand you have selected: category, consumer target, product strategy, and communication/retail strategy. An important part of assessing retail strategy will be store visits and on-line assessment.
* Final Brand Management Project: 40% (Week 12)
  + Assume that your team manages a brand of your choice. Assess category and competitive dynamics (landscape), consumer target (who), product assortment and innovation strategy (what), and communication/retail strategy (how). Make concrete and actionable recommendations as to how to best drive growth in the next 2-3 years.
  + Remember to use all relevant tools from the class, and include pricing strategy, incremental opportunity, and size of prize in your analysis. Also remember that you need to emphasize a new emphasis or change in direction—not just report on something the company is already doing. Please assess the risks of your plan and what steps you could take to mitigate them.
  + This should be a 15 minute Power Point presentation which will be uploaded to Canvas prior to the presentation. If necessary, please let me know if someone in your group is slacking.