Strategic Marketing Communications

Creating Effective Marketing Campaigns in an Evolving Media Landscape

To succeed in today’s evolving marketplace, leaders need the ability to think strategically about their marketing communications. This program bridges the fundamentals of strategic marketing communications, such as insight and positioning, with new approaches across the communications spectrum.

How does a marketing campaign turn an underperforming product into a top performer? How has the rise in marketing channels changed the interface between brands and consumers? How can marketers leverage experiments to better understand advertising effectiveness? This interactive program provides insight into these questions and more.

You’ll learn to ask the right questions — from strategic planning to the tactical execution of your marketing communications plan — and explore frameworks and examples for building and executing marketing communications. You’ll develop a communications strategy (creative brief) for a professional or personal marketing communication challenge of your choosing and have access to feedback on your brief from peers and faculty.

“We this program provided concise, clear and incredibly practical frameworks for approaching the entire brand communication process, from strategy to planning to execution. The frameworks provided will help me to not only focus on the important aspects of running a brand, but will help me excel in those areas as well.”

BRAND MANAGER, JOHNSONVILLE SAUSAGE

Key Benefits

- Evaluate communications strategy and execution, making an immediate impact and improving marketing outcomes
- Reinforce the relevance of fundamental communication tools, such as insight and positioning, in today’s evolving media landscape
- View communications more broadly than traditional broadcast messages, with discussion around the digital era and social media
- Participate in integrative learning, with an emphasis on developing a perfect mix of theory and practice with strategy and tactics

Who Should Attend

- Senior marketing leaders who want to develop a more strategic approach while increasing the success rate of their organization’s communications
- Marketers with strategic responsibility for communications in a B2C or B2B environment
- Emerging or mid-level managers preparing for a role that requires guiding strategic communications development

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Program Content

Marketing Strategy and Communications
• Learn frameworks for developing strong creative briefs, marketing plans, and making an impact in practice
• Understand the use of strategy in creating messages that move the needle and produce profitable campaigns

Assessing Marketing Communications
• Acquire tools to properly evaluate the success of a marketing campaign against planned objectives including a strategic approach and early stage creative output
• Enhance critical thinking skills by learning to ask the right questions

Understanding the Changing Landscape of Marketing Communications
• Learn how marketing is evolving and how your organization can adapt to the changes
• Engage in critical discussion around the use of new media channels

“Provides important insights into key principles in marketing communications in a digestible and condensed format. Participants engage with an easy to apply toolkit making this course very relevant for marketers in search of structure and proven techniques.”
MARKETING DIRECTOR, ABBOTT LABORATORIES

The Faculty
These teachers and thought leaders approach marketing communications from both an academic and practitioner perspective, combining corporate best practices with research-backed methodology.

Derek D. Rucker
Academic Director; Sandy and Morton Goldman Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies in Marketing; Professor of Marketing

Brett Gordon
Associate Professor of Marketing

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