

COURSE INFORMATION

Course title:	Marketing Research	Credits:	1.5
Course code:	BAMA 508	Class location:	HA 335
Session, term, period:	2019W2, Period 4	Class times:	Tu/Th 2-4pm
Section(s):	001	Pre-requisites:	BAMA 550
Course duration:	Mar 9 – Apr 9, 2020		
Division:	Marketing		
Program:	MBA		

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of the nature and scope of marketing research problems and the methods used to solve those problems, including interviews, focus groups, surveys, experiments, and web-tracking paradigms. Such marketing research problems are a central tool in many areas of management activity, including Entrepreneurship, Strategy, and IT, as well as in Marketing itself.

This course will help you conduct and critically evaluate commercial and non-commercial research and will add to your strategic repertoire of analytical tools useful for any business decision. The course is designed to deal with questions of marketing research and marketing intelligence at a managerial level, and will focus on rigorous analysis rather than statistical calculation. All class sessions are interactive, requiring active participation in class discussions. The course will be built upon your existing statistical and analytic skills, so you are advised to review the basic fundamentals in preparation for the course. You will be required to calculate basic descriptive statistics in Excel or a related package such as SPSS, but this will not be a hands-on course in statistical package usage. However, complex statistical tools will be demonstrated and discussed.

COURSE FORMAT

In terms of learning method, this course will provide a blend of lectures, case studies, hands-on exercises, and methodological discussions. Practices of analysis using R software will be included. Students are highly encouraged to actively participate in class discussions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Creatively develop and analytically critique marketing strategies, marketing research designs, and the statistical methods used to provide marketing intelligence.
2. Analyze business problems using statistically-based thinking.
3. Use research information from a variety of sources to investigate business opportunities and strategies.

ASSESSMENTS

Summary

<u>Component</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Assignments	40%
Peer evaluations	10%
Final exam	35%
Class commitment	<u>15%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

Details of Assessments

Assignments

During the term, there will be several individual or group assignments. Some of these will be completed in class, and others will require homework. Each assignment will focus on a different stage of the research process. The assignments will improve your research skills and prepare you for the final exam. The penalty for late assignment will be proportional to the time of being late for. Please see more details on the assignment due dates and penalty at the end of this document.

Group assignments must be prepared individually for each group. Sharing work across groups is strictly prohibited in line with the RHL Academic Misconduct Regulations. Each self-enrolled group has 5-6 team members. You will stay in the same team for all the group assignments. Peer evaluations will be conducted at the end of semester.

Peer Evaluations

Peer evaluations will be completed at the end of the semester to provide feedback on how team members think each member (including their own) is contributing to the team's assignments. Individual grades on group assignment may be subject to adjustment following my review of peer evaluations. Reductions can be significant, ranging from a decrease of 10% to a decrease of 100% if an individual has contributed little or nothing to the team's work. In most instances, where team members are reliable and contribute, no adjustments are made.

Students are required to complete both of these peer evaluations by the specified deadlines. Failure to complete the evaluation will result in a 10% reduction in the final mark received for this course. Please ensure that you complete the peer evaluations on time.

Class Participation/Commitment

We all bring experience and knowledge into the classroom, and I expect all class participants to share this and benefit by it. For effective class participation you need to have read the assigned materials.

Effective class participation includes

1. asking questions about concepts from lectures or readings that you agree or disagree with;
2. sharing your experience or point of view with the class
3. building on points raised by others;
4. clarifying issues or
5. relating topics discussed to previous class discussions.

Direct student-student interaction is encouraged. Such interaction should be both positive and courteous even when your opinions differ. Class attendance is important. Regular and punctual attendance is a necessary but not a sufficient criterion for high class participation grades. You should submit a printout that includes a passport size photo, your name, e-mail address and a contact phone number. You should also include a short statement that describes any marketing experience you have had and what your future plans and goals are. I will use this roster to keep track of your class participation grade.

Rather than merely rehashing concepts from the textbook, class sessions will be devoted to extending and applying concepts. I will assume that all of you have completed the reading prior to class so that we can spend time on class exercises that simulate real world problems. Be prepared to discuss and present the assigned readings and/or problems. Your learning will be substantially enhanced if you come to class well prepared. If you are unable to attend class, you are responsible for catching up on the material covered or announcements made in class with your group-mate(s).

Positive contributions to class discussion increase your score. Attending class and not speaking has neither a positive nor a negative impact on your participation grade. Further, you can demonstrate your class commitment by diligently following course instructions, emailing me any marketing research examples from the media and/or your own industry experience, which you feel may enhance the class discussion. Failing to attend significant portions of a class session, poor preparation, and detrimental participation (including being disrespectful to any class member) decrease your participation score.

Exam

The exam will likely consist of a combination of multiple-choice and short answer questions. It will be closed book, closed notes. It will cover a) material that has been discussed in class; and b) assigned readings. Since we will not be covering all the material from the book in class, and may discuss concepts in class that are not in your book, you need to attend class as well as read your text in order to prepare for your exam.

Re-grading:

Re-grade requests on any components of your course grade must be submitted within 10 days from when the assignment (i.e., homework and the final exam) is returned. Along with the graded assignment, you must attach a letter explaining why you are requesting a re-grade. While I will consider the specific concerns cited in your letter, I will re-grade the entire assignment. Your grade may go up or down and the new grade is final. Please remember that small changes in your grade on a single assignment typically do not affect your overall course grade.

LEARNING MATERIALS

Required: The background readings, cases, or articles will be assigned for most classes. They will be available on Canvas or through library links.

Estimated cost of required materials: \$0-10

Additional materials recommended but not required: Feinberg F., T. Kinnear, and J. Taylor, Modern Marketing Research: Concepts, Methods and Cases, 2nd edition, Cengage Learning.

The text provides a more detailed description of Marketing Research and contains examples and applications. I have provided the David Lam library with my copy of the 1st version on their reserves shelf for students to use. I also requested that they order the 2nd edition to keep on reserve. You are also welcome to share a book within your self-designated group (usually of size 5 or 6). There are Amazon copies, and the online eBook version is linked below where you could select the 'eBook' product for checkout: <https://www.nelsonbrain.com/shop/isbn/978-1-285-21104-6>

COURSE-SPECIFIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Missed or late assignments, and regrading of assessments

All group or individual assignments must be submitted before 11:59pm on the due day listed in the schedule. Late submissions will be penalized for a deduction of 10% of the score for every day of lateness.

Academic Concessions

If extenuating circumstances arise, please contact the RHL Graduate School program office as early as reasonably possible, and submit an [Academic Concession Request & Declaration Form](https://webforms.sauder.ubc.ca/academic-concession-rhlee) <https://webforms.sauder.ubc.ca/academic-concession-rhlee>. If an academic concession is granted during the course, the student will be provided options by RHL, or by the instructor in consultation with RHL, per [UBC's policy on Academic Concession](#).

POLICIES APPLICABLE TO COURSES IN THE ROBERT H. LEE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Attendance

Excepting extenuating circumstances, students are expected to attend 100% of their scheduled class hours. Absent students limit their own academic potential, and that of their classmates, and cause unnecessary disruption to the learning environment. Students missing more than 20% of the total scheduled class hours for a course (including classes held during the add/drop period) without having received an academic concession will be withdrawn from that course. Withdrawals, depending on timing, could result in a "W" or an "F" standing on the transcript.

Punctuality

Students are expected to arrive for classes and activities on time and fully prepared to engage. Late arrivals may be refused entry at the discretion of the instructor or activity lead. Students arriving later than halfway through a scheduled class will be treated as absent for that class.

Electronic Devices

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and cell phones are not permitted to be used in class unless directed by the instructor for in-class activities. Students who do not follow the School's policy in this regard may be required to leave the room for the remainder of the class, so that they do not distract others. Research shows that students' use of laptops in class has negative implications for the learning environment, including reducing their own grades and the grades of those sitting around them.

Citation Style

Please use the American Psychological Association (APA) reference style to cite your sources.

Details of the above policies and other RHL Policies are available at:

<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,199,506,1625>

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Academic Integrity

The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to the breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam and more serious consequences may apply if the matter is referred to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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COURSE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change with class consultation)

Class	Date	Topic	Readings or Activities	Assessments due
1	Mar 10	Introduction to Marketing Research and Course Framework	Pre-Readings: 1. Chapters 1, 2, 3 (Same across versions) 2. "Backward Market Research" 3. "Cost Conscious Market Research"	Please fill out the Individual Information survey in the Assignments folder on Canvas with your name and brief background information
2	Mar 12	Exploratory Research Designs	V1: Chapter 6 (p.214-228); V2e: Chapter 5 (p.217-234) "When Good Research Goes Bad"	Research Design Exercises on Canvas. Please watch the videos in Media Gallery (read my associated comments), and take the several surveys on the "Assignments" page
3	Mar 17	Conclusive Research Designs	V1: Chapter 3 (p.62-98); V2e: Chapter 2 (p.57-96) V1: Chapters 5 (p.182-190); V2e: Chapter 4 (p.186-195)	DUE end of the day Individual Assignment 1
4	Mar 19	Data Collection: Survey Design	V1: Chapter 7; V2e: Chapters 3 (p.116-153) and 6	Look through the survey tools and templates posted in the Supplemental Materials Section on Canvas/Modules/Syllabus and Readings
5	Mar 24	Data Collection Design: Sampling	V1: Chapter 8 (p.290-302); V2e: Chapter 7 (p.298-311)	DUE end of the day Group Assignment
6	Mar 26	STP with Crosstabs	V1: Chapter 9 (p.392-395, p.426-428); V2e: Chapter 8 (p.390-394, 427-430)	Prepare the Joyoung Soymilk Maker case
7	Mar 31	STP with Cluster Analysis and Factor Analysis	V1: Chapter 11 (p.472-491, p.494-510); V2e: Chapter 10 (p.476-498, 501-517)	DUE end of the day Individual Assignment 2 Review the previous lecture deck
8	Apr 2	Positioning with Perceptual Maps	V1: Chapter 11 (510-540); V2e: Chapter 10 (524-555)	Review lecture notes from Classes 6-7
9	Apr 7	Capstone Case and Course wrap-up	Pre-Readings: V1: Chapter 11 (p.510-528); V2e: Chapter 11 (p.524-543) V1: Chapter 12.4 (pp.591-597); V2e: Chapter 12 (p.594-603)	Due end of the day Individual Assignment 3
10	Apr 9	Onto the Real World	Guest lecture on real-world applications	Review all lecture notes
-			Final Exam	Scheduled by RHL Office.