

COURSE INFORMATION

Course title:	Marketing Research	Credits:	1.5
Course code:	BAMA 508	Class location:	Zoom
Session, term, period:	Summer 2021	Class times:	Sat, June 5, 19, July 3, 2021, 8:30am-4:00 pm
Section(s):	301	Pre-requisites:	BAMA 550
Course duration:	June 5 – July 26, 2021	Co-requisites:	Statistics
Division:	Marketing		
Program:	PMBA		

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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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%
Group project	35%
Peer Evaluation	10%
Class participation	15%
Total	<u>100%</u>

BAMA 508 Due Dates

Assignment	Due
Individual Information Survey (<i>Submit online</i>)	Thursday, June 3, 2021, 11:59pm (ungraded)
Individual Assignment 1	Friday, June 11, 2021; 11:59pm
Group Assignment	Friday, June 18, 2021; 11:59pm
Individual Assignment 2	Friday, June 25, 2021; 11:59pm
Individual Assignment 3	Friday, July 9, 2021; 11:59pm
Final Project	Sunday, July 18, 2021; 11:59pm
Peer Evaluations	Monday, July 26, 2021; 11:59pm

***Your course grade will appear Incomplete without your submitting peer evaluations on Canvas*

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.

Group Project

In this course, you will be given a standard client and case background to do your group project on. Each group has the flexibility to define your own research objectives and designs. However, the data analyses part will be on a common dataset that I provide about the case. This provides you opportunity

to practice the different steps of the marketing research process with your creativity, while minimizes the risk of not being able to obtain good data for the final analyses within the timeframe of a course project. In the end, you will have an opportunity to summarize the key learnings from the process of doing the project, the limitations of the research and future directions. For your next marketing research on STP, how would you do differently?

Group assignments (different components of the project as outlined in the schedule at the end of this document) must be prepared individually for each group. Please bring your preparatory work to group meetings and this would make the group discussions most efficient. Sharing work across groups is strictly prohibited in line with the Academic Misconduct Regulations. Each self-enrolled group has 5-6 team members. You will stay in the same team for all the graded group assignments. Peer evaluations will be conducted at the end of term.

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.

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, exam, etc.) 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 the 2nd edition to be kept 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://books.google.ca/books?id=RBxuCgAAQBAJ>

Because our DL library is closed for the COVID, I have been communicating with the librarians and relevant parties for seeking the best solution for making the textbook that I placed on reserve available. We are waiting for the copyright clearance to our best ability.

FYI, the first two chapters can be viewed on google books:

https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=RBxuCgAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_atb_hover&pg=GBS.PA97.w.21.0.21

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>. 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](#).

Other Course Policies and Resources

The first class attendance is mandatory for the registration of this course.

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

During online lectures, students are not permitted to use any electronic devices other than the primary one used for attending the online lecture (e.g. laptop or desktop). Only Zoom should be open during the online lecture unless an instructor advises the use of another program/website for an in-class activity. Feedback from students indicates that personal devices are the number one distraction from effective learning and participation in the online learning environment.

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>

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND RESOURCES [DO NOT MODIFY THIS PARAGRAPH]

UBC provides resources to support student learning and to maintain healthy lifestyles but recognizes that sometimes crises arise and so there are additional resources to access including those for survivors of sexual violence. UBC values respect for the person and ideas of all members of the academic community. Harassment and discrimination are not tolerated nor is suppression of academic freedom.

UBC provides appropriate accommodation for students with disabilities and for religious observances. UBC values academic honesty and students are expected to acknowledge the ideas generated by others and to uphold the highest academic standards in all of their actions. Details of the policies and how to access support are available on the UBC Senate website at <https://senate.ubc.ca/policies-resources-support-student-success>.

Respect for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The UBC Sauder School of Business strives to promote an intellectual community that is enhanced by diversity along various dimensions including status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, social class, and/or disability. It is critical that students from diverse backgrounds and perspectives be valued in and well-served by their courses. Furthermore, the diversity that students bring to the classroom should be viewed as a resource, benefit, and source of strength for your learning experience. It is expected that all students and members of our community conduct themselves with empathy and respect for others.

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.

Academic Freedom and Students Studying from Outside Canada [do not modify this paragraph]

During this pandemic, the shift to online learning has greatly altered teaching and studying at UBC, including changes to health and safety considerations. Keep in mind that some UBC courses might cover topics that are censored or considered illegal by non-Canadian governments. This may include, but is not limited to, human rights, representative government, defamation, obscenity, gender or sexuality, and historical or current geopolitical controversies. If you are a student living abroad, you will be subject to the laws of your local jurisdiction, and your local authorities might limit your access to course material or take punitive action against you. UBC is strongly committed to academic freedom, but has no control over foreign authorities (please visit <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,33,86,0> for an articulation of the values of the University conveyed in the Senate Statement on Academic Freedom). Thus, we recognize that students will have legitimate reason to exercise caution in studying certain subjects. If you have concerns regarding your personal situation, consider postponing taking a course with manifest risks, until you are back on campus or reach out to your academic advisor to find substitute courses. For further information and support, please visit: <http://academic.ubc.ca/support-resources/freedom-expression>

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All materials of this course (course handouts, lecture slides, assessments, course readings, etc.) are the intellectual property of the instructor or licensed to be used in this course by the copyright owner.

Redistribution of these materials by any means without permission of the copyright holder(s) constitutes a breach of copyright and may lead to academic discipline and could be subject to legal action. Any lecture recordings are for the sole use of the instructor and students enrolled in the class. In no case may the lecture recording or part of the recording be used by students for any other purpose, either personal or commercial. Further, audio or video recording of classes are not permitted without the prior consent of the instructor. Students may not share class Zoom links or invite others who are not registered to view sessions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

UBC's Point Grey Campus is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

ONLINE TEACHING TOOL & REQUIREMENTS

This course will be taught using Zoom for synchronous classes and office hours.

For this course, you are required to use a Zoom account during synchronous classes and office hours. If you do not have a Zoom account, you can create one here: <https://zoom.us/signup>. Note: creating a Zoom account requires that you provide a first name, last name, and email address to Zoom. For privacy purposes, you may consent to using your existing email address and your real name. Alternatively, if you prefer, you may sign up using an alternative email address and an anonymized name that does not identify you (i.e. Jane Doe, jane.doe@email.com). If you have trouble creating an account, or accessing a Zoom session, please contact CLCHelp@sauder.ubc.ca. You will be required to provide the email address associated with your Zoom account in a Canvas quiz for identification purposes.

To help replicate the classroom experience, make sessions more dynamic and hold each person accountable, both students and instructors are required to have their cameras on during Zoom sessions. Students who require an accommodation with regard to the “camera on” requirement must contact their instructors in advance of the first class to discuss options. As professional graduate students, students are expected to conduct themselves professionally by joining sessions on time, muting mics when not speaking, refraining from using any other technology when in-session, attending in business casual dress (at a minimum), and participating from a quiet environment. Content from synchronous sessions will be selectively recorded per instructor discretion and made available to students on Canvas for a maximum duration of the course length. This is done to allow students the opportunity to return to lecture content to solidify learnings.

COURSE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change with class consultation)

Class#	CLASS TOPICS	ACTIVITIES / READINGS	WHAT'S DUE
Day 1	Research Objectives and Designs	Chapters 1,2,3, 5 and 6 “Cost Conscious Market Research”	Fill out various Surveys on the Canvas

		<p>"Backward Market Research"</p> <p>"When Good Research Goes Bad"</p>	
Day 2	Data Collections: Sampling and Survey Designs	Chapters 4, 7, and 8	Review the various survey tips and tools on Canvas
Day 3	Data Analyses Tools	Chapters 9-11	Prepare the Joyoung Soymilk Maker case