

COURSE INFORMATION

Course title:	Marketing Research	Credits:	1.5
Course code:	BAMA508	Class location:	HA 133 (TBC)
Session, term, period:	Winter 2021 T2	Class times:	Sundays Jan. 30 th , Feb 13 th , and Feb 27 th 2022, from 8.30am-4.00pm
Section(s):	301	Pre-requisites:	n/a
Course duration:	Jan 10-Mar 30, 2022	Co-requisites:	n/a
Division:	Marketing		
Program:	PMBA		

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to expose students to concept of marketing research and to provide practice in conducting and evaluating it. You will gain a general understanding of research issues, learn to appreciate the complexity of research design, gain practice at analyzing & interpreting basic statistical data, and acquire the skills needed to design specific types of marketing research. You will also be required to complete a variety of assignments throughout the course. Materials introduced each session will build on previous topics. It is essential that you come thoroughly prepared for class each day.

COURSE FORMAT

Class time will be a combination of lecture, discussion, project worktime and activities. Sessions are interactive, requiring student participation in discussions and activities. These activities are designed to help you relate the concepts learnt in the classroom to the practical realities of conducting research. Delivery is expected to be in-person, but this may be subject to change should BCCDC health guidance dictate otherwise.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course students will be able to

- Develop a basic research program to achieve a specific research objective.
- Identify the appropriate marketing research techniques needed to achieve a research objective.
- Analyze simple research results using statistical methods commonly used in marketing research.
- Interpret research findings and make recommendations.

ASSESSMENTS

Summary

<u>Component</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Individual Assignments #1 & #2	30%
Group Assignment #1	15%

Group Assignment #2	30%
Class Preparation Activities	10%
Class participation	15%
Peer Review (-10% of total group assignment grade if not submitted)	
Total	<u>100%</u>

Details of Assessments

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 presentation.

Individual Assignment #1 (15%) Due 5pm Feb 12th

Reflection on qualitative in-class activities.

Group Assignment #1 (15%) Due 5pm Feb 26th

Research Proposal & Measurement Instrument.

Individual Assignment #2 (15%) Completed in class Feb 27th

Research Analysis & Interpretation.

Final Group Project Presentation & Report (30%) Due 5pm Mar 20th

Remote Presentation (10%) and Project Report (20%)

Peer review of group project members Due midnight Mar 21st

Class Preparation Activities (on Canvas) 10%

Individual preparation for class (complete after doing preparation reading)

Class Participation (15%)

Learning at this level requires a positive attitude, dedication and, of course, engagement and enthusiasm. All class sessions will be interactive, requiring students to actively participate in class discussions. We all bring experience and knowledge into the classroom, and I expect class participants to share this and benefit from it. Effective class participation includes 1) asking questions about concepts from lectures/ 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 discussions. Direct student-student interaction is encouraged. Interaction should be both positive and courteous even if opinions differ. Class attendance is crucial. However regular punctual attendance is a necessary, but insufficient, criterion for high-class participation grades.

LEARNING MATERIALS

Estimated cost of required materials: \$38.

Required Textbook: McDaniel, C., Gates, R., Sivaramakrishnan, S, & Main, K. (2014). *Marketing Research Essentials* (2nd Canadian Ed.). Wiley. An older version is also acceptable, though you will need to make the effort to identify the specific pages for the readings yourself, since page numbers will relate to the 2nd edition. You may rent the e-book direct from Wiley starting at \$38. See: <https://www.wiley.com/en-ca/Marketing+Research+Essentials%2C+2nd+Canadian+Edition-p-9781118823361>

Amazon is also selling second hand hard copies from \$37 + shipping.

COURSE-SPECIFIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Missed or late assignments, and regrading of assessments

Late submissions will not be accepted and will receive a grade of zero. Re-grade requests on any components of your course grade must be submitted within 10 days from when the assignment (i.e., homework or the final project) 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. Please remember that small changes in your grade on a single assignment typically will not affect your overall course grade.

TCPS2 Ethics certificate MUST be uploaded to Canvas prior to data collection. No certificate = no data collection. This certificate was completed as part of your Pre-PMBA Program Checklist – please confirm that you’ve completed it via your Canvas program site. If you never completed it, please do so before BAMA 508 starts.

Peer evaluations:

At the end of the course you will be asked to evaluate your group members on their contributions to the group assignments. In the real world group contribution is never going to be perfectly equal. What I ask you to consider is whether you felt overall that, given the tasks required, the distribution of work and effort put in by each group member was fair. If you feel that there was injustice in your group, you may indicate this through the iPeer evaluations. If sufficient evidence is demonstrated that some group members did not contribute reasonably, AND it is shown that attempts were made to include those group members and give them a chance to contribute, then group project grades for those members may be adjusted down accordingly. Please note that this adjustment may be substantial (i.e. up to 100% deduction of the group component) if the evidence clearly demonstrates that a unreasonably poor contribution was made to group work by any individual.

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](#). 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.

COVID-19 Policies for Attendance & Academic Concessions:

If a student feels unwell, they should stay home and send a courtesy email to each impacted instructor and cc their program manager. The student should also submit an [Academic Concession Request & Declaration Form](#).

If a student suspects possible COVID-19 infection, they should use the BC Ministry of Health's [self-assessment tool](#), to help determine whether further assessment or testing for COVID-19 is recommended.

If a student is required to self-isolate (e.g., while waiting for test results), they should follow the steps above (stay home, email instructor(s) and program manager, submit an [Academic Concession Request & Declaration Form](#), and follow BC Health Guidance.

Students who are required to quarantine, should get in touch with their Program Manager to discuss the possibility of academic concessions for each impacted course. The Program Manager will work closely with your instructors to explore options for you to make up the missed learning.

COVID-19 Safety in the Classroom:

Masks: Masks are **required** for all indoor classes, as per the BC Public Health Officer orders. For our in-person meetings in this class, it is important that all of us feel as comfortable as possible engaging in class activities while sharing an indoor space. For the purposes of this order, the term "masks" refers to medical and non-medical masks that cover our noses and mouths. Masks are a primary tool to make it harder for COVID-19 to find a new host. You will need to wear a medical or non-medical mask for the duration of our class meetings, for your own protection, and the safety and comfort of everyone else in the class. You may be asked to remove your mask briefly for an ID check for an exam, but otherwise, your mask should cover your nose and mouth. Please do not eat in class. If you need to drink water/coffee/tea/etc, please keep your mask on between sips. Students who need special accommodation are asked to discuss this with the program office.

Seating in class: To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, please sit in a consistent area of the classroom each day. This will minimize your contacts and will still allow for the pedagogical methods planned for this class to help your learning.

Visit the following website for the most recent updates regarding COVID-19 protocol on campus: <https://students.ubc.ca/campus-life/returning-to-campus>

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>

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND RESOURCES

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.

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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.

COURSE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change with class consultation)

Class	Class Topic	Readings & Activities	Assessments due
Sat 29 th Jan			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Intro Survey due Upload TCPS Ethics Certificate Submit Volunteer request for Focus Group Activity in class 1 (free-pass for one prep activity)
Sun 30 th Jan 8.30-10.15	Research Functions. Objectives & Problem Definition.	Ch. 1, pp.2-14; Ch. 2, pp. 30-40; Add. Reading 1	Prep Activity #1 on Canvas
10.30-12.00	Research Proposals; Secondary data. Process & Research Designs.	Ch. 2, pp. 41-51; Ch. 3, pp. 58-72	Prep Activity #2 on Canvas
1.00-2.15	Qualitative Methods I	Ch. 4, pp.82-104 & 104-108; Ch. 9, pp.268-270.	Prep Activity #3 on Canvas
2.30-4.00	Qualitative Methods II	Qual Activity (Focus Group) in Class	
Sat 12 th Feb			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Assignment #1 due (5pm) Group composition request cut off (12pm)
Sun 13 th Feb 8.30-10.15	Other Qual. Measurement	Ch. 5 pp.115-129; 135-138; Add. Reading 2. Ch. 6 pp.145-163	Prep Activity #4 on Canvas
10.30-12.00	Surveys I	Ch. 6, pp.164-181; Ch. 7; Ch. 8; Ch. 9, pp. 271-281; Add. Reading 3	Prep Activity #5 on Canvas
1.00-2.15	Surveys II	Questionnaire Activity in class	Prep Activity #6 on Canvas

2.30-4.00	Sampling	Ch. 11.	Prep Activity #7 on Canvas
Sat Feb 26th			Group Assignment #1 due (Research Proposal & Measurement Instrument) 5pm
Sun 27th Feb 8.30-10.15	Research Results	Ch. 13	Prep Activity #8 on Canvas
10.30-12.00	Research Analysis & Interpretation	Add. Reading 4; Ch.14 (optional)	Prep Activity #9 on Canvas
1.00-2.15	Analysis & Interpretation	Individual Assignment #2 completed in class	
2.30-4.00	Communicating Results	Ch. 15	Prep Activity #10 on Canvas
Fri Mar 11th			Advised Data Collection cutoff
Sun Mar 20th			Group Assignment #2 due (5pm) (Presentation of Findings & Recommendations)
Mon Mar 21st			Peer review for group assignment work due (midnight)