Note:

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COURSE SYLLABUS
BUSI 438
MARKETING BRAND MANAGEMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Students will learn how an organization’s brand provides a broad definition of its purpose, uniqueness, and its package of products and services. Course topics include channel development, merchandising, marketing and establishing and delivering the brand promise.

RATIONALE
This course provides the student with an understanding of brand management in the field of marketing. Today’s marketing professional needs to be able to build and manage his or her brand. Focus is placed on building a brand that will last over time with the proper positioning in the marketplace. For older brands, a look at how to keep the brand relevant in a contemporary world will be applied.

I. PREREQUISITE
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Office

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Interrelate the concepts of effective brand management with observable organizations that have been successful and have failed in their brand management efforts. (Program Learning Outcomes 1, 2, 3, and 4, Emphasized)
B. Design a marketing brand management strategy that will lead to optimum brand equity for an established organization. (Program Learning Outcomes 2, 3, and 4, Emphasized)
C. Design a brand equity measurement system that could be used by the selected organization to track the effectiveness of the proposed brand management strategy. (Program Learning Outcomes 2, 3, and 4, Emphasized)

D. Integrate a Christian worldview within the field of marketing brand management. (Program Learning Outcomes 1 and 3, Reinforced)

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student will create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum – the initial thread is due on Thursday. Each thread must be 250–350 words, demonstrate course-related knowledge, and include at least 2 scholarly research sources and at least 1 biblical integration. In addition to the thread, the student will reply to the threads of at least 2 classmates. Each reply must be 150–200 words and include at least 1 scholarly research source and at least 1 biblical integration.

D. Integration of Faith and Learning Paper

The student will write a paper that is at least 500 words, demonstrates course-related knowledge, and includes biblical integration. The paper must include at least 1 scripture verse and at least 2 scholarly authored research sources (the textbook may be 1 of the 2 sources), and must be in current APA format.

E. Brand Paper

Product Choice Proposal – chose a consumer product only.

Using the template provided in the course, the student will write a proposal to gain approval for his or her course project idea. The student will select a brand to write about. The proposal must be at least 500 words, be in current APA format, and have a reference list of at least 2 authored scholarly research sources that are cited in the proposal.

Week Seven’s Course Project – based on approved product from Week Two’s proposal

The student will write a final course project paper of at least 3,000 words. The student’s work must be original and contain no previously submitted content for other courses. A final paper template will be provided in the course and the student will submit his or her paper based on this template. The paper must be in current APA format and include at least 10 authored scholarly research sources, with three of the sources being from peer-reviewed marketing journals.
F. Case Papers (2)
The student will write 2 research-based papers that focus on the cases assigned and the questions at the end of the cases provided. Each paper must be at least 1,500 words, include at least 4 authored scholarly research sources in addition to the course textbook and the Bible, and be in current APA format.

G. Exams (2)
There will be two exams – a mid-term and final exam which will cover the Reading & Study material for the modules/weeks in which it is assigned. The Mid-Term Exam will cover Chapters 1-7 and the Final Exam will cover Chapters 8 – 13. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 50 multiple-choice and/or true/false questions, and/or fill-in-the-blank questions all worth two points each and students will have a 120-minute time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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Total: 1010

B. Scale
A = 900–1010  B = 800–899  C = 700–799  D = 600–699  F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy
If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.
Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Quizzes/Tests/Exams

For timed quizzes/tests/exams, the student is required to complete the quiz/test/exam within the assigned time. For the student who exceeds this time limit, a penalty of 1 point will be deducted for each minute, or part thereof, he/she exceeds the assigned time limit.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
## COURSE SCHEDULE

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| 1           | *Brand Management*: ch. 1  
1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
DB Forum 1 | 10  
0  
75 |
| 2           | *Brand Management*: chs. 2–3  
1 presentation | Integration of Faith and Learning  
Paper  
Brand Paper – Product Choice  
Proposal | 50  
50 |
| 3           | *Brand Management*: chs. 4–5  
1 presentation | DB Forum 2  
Case Paper 1 | 75  
100 |
| 4           | *Brand Management*: chs. 6–7  
1 presentation | Midterm Exam | 100 |
| 5           | *Brand Management*: chs. 8–9  
1 presentation | DB Forum 3 | 75 |
| 6           | *Brand Management*: ch. 10  
1 presentation | Case Paper 2 | 100 |
| 7           | *Brand Management*: ch. 11  
1 presentation | Brand Paper – Course Project | 200 |
| 8           | *Brand Management*: chs. 12–13  
1 presentation | DB Forum 4  
Final Exam | 75  
100 |

**TOTAL** | **1010** |

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.