

Grande Prairie Regional College
Business Administration
BA 2090 -- Marketing Strategy 3(3-0-0) UT, Fall 2002

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Course Description:

Using the seminar approach combined with a major term project, BA 2090 emphasizes the various components of the marketing mix and the environment, and how both are integral to the process of strategic marketing. Product strategies, strategic marketing planning, pricing objectives, channel conflict, co-operation problems, distribution systems and the integrated promotional mix are topics which are interpreted from a "hands-on" practitioner's point of view.

Text:

There is no required text for this class. Materials will be provided by the instructor throughout the semester. However, an individual investment of \$25 toward the student business is required. The investment will be returned in December -- unless there is no profit or your group decides by majority vote to contribute your investment to the charity involved.

Course Objectives:

1. To examine the stages of strategic planning.
2. To examine the nature of operational planning as it relates to marketing, and to understand how these stages relate to strategic planning.
3. To experience the planning process and operational process.

4. To experience the implementation and control processes and procedures in planning.

Course Evaluation:

Contribution toward the Product/Service/Event (PSE)	40%
Contribution toward the BA community building event	10%
Peer evaluation	10%
Writing assignments/projects: a.) Presentation folder (10%) b.) Press release (5%) c.) Marketing plan (5%) d.) Evaluation of PSE, community building event, the other group's PSE, and the Festival of Trees (10%) e. Log book/Journal (10%)	40%

As you know, GPRC uses the following nine-point scale:

90 - 100%	9	markedly superior
80 - 89%	8	excellent
72 - 79	7	very good
65 - 71	6	good
57 - 64	5	fair
50 - 56	4	poor
45 - 49	3	failure
26 - 44	2	
0 - 25	1	

NOTE: All assignments must be completed to pass the course.

Transferability:

Upon completion of the Business Administration diploma, this course transfers under a block transfer agreement toward the Athabasca University Bachelor of Administration degree or the University of Lethbridge Bachelor of Management degree.

Course Format:

BA 2090 consists of three hours of instructional time weekly. One class each week will involve the presentation of helpful theory and practice, and will consist of lectures, class discussions, in-class exercises, and student presentations. The other weekly class will not be held in the traditional manner; instead, "masters-of-the-game" business meetings will take place at a time and location during the week that accommodate student members of the business and me as instructor. The meetings will follow an agenda, and will be run by student members.

Course Policies:

- Assignments are due on the dates established; and BA 2090 is unlike other courses where there is room for negotiation because this course, by its practicum nature, deals in real-time, real-world scenarios – and delayed assignments ultimately delay and derail your team members and the team business project. If your assigned work is not completed, your business group cannot function effectively.

- As well, attendance and personal effort are considered to be extremely critical for success in any business venture, and so too for a successful semester in Marketing Strategies. Attendance is vital in this course; as such, you should not miss any classes or "masters-of-the-game" meetings. For this reason, only one unexcused absence will be tolerated. Students will be requested to sign an attendance contract should attendance show itself to be an issue.

Should you have to miss a class or meeting, please contact me and all your team members as immediately as possible – and certainly prior to the meeting.

As BA 2090 is the only "required" course this semester for marketing majors, it is expected that the course receive your full attention and participation.

- It is a requirement that you attend both your event and your classmates' event.