Unit code: MKTG 804

Unit Name: E-Business Marketing (Online)

Session 3    Jan-Feb 2012

Department of Marketing & Management
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS

UNIT OUTLINE

Year and Semester: Session 3 Semester (Jan-Feb 2012)
Lecturer: John Edwards
Unit Convenor: Dr. Hamin
Prerequisites: MKTG696 or admission to MCom or MIB or MEc or MActPrac prior to 2011
Credit points: 4 points

Students in this unit should read this unit outline carefully at the start of the semester. It contains important information about the unit. If anything in it is unclear, please consult the Lecturer of this unit.

ABOUT THIS UNIT

*MKGT804 E-Business Marketing* is a postgraduate Business Management course offered [online] at Macquarie University, in the Session 3 Semester (Jan-Feb 2012).

The purpose of E-Business Marketing is for students to acquire the skills necessary to develop and implement strategies for new-generation marketing and business development opportunities within their organisations. This unit is designed to introduce students to conceptualising, developing and using marketing computer-mediated environments (CMEs). Students are introduced to the concept of e-business marketing as a metaphor for skills and capabilities required for 21st century marketers, based around marketing orientation as both customer value creation using CMEs, and viewing marketing as a set of information flows using new and emerging electronic business technologies.

*MKGT804 E-Business Marketing* is a 4 point credit subject, included in the Master of International Business; MCom Business, and MCom Marketing Degree Programs.

*BUS800 E-Commerce Strategy* is also another unit available to study for students in Semester One and Two 2012, for those who may wish to focus solely on the E-Commerce areas.
**TEACHING STAFF**

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**CONSULTATION TIMES**

Your Lecturer is available for regular consultation through Blackboard, Email, Facebook; depending on the nature of the correspondence.

Please email or call me if there are any questions you may have at any time.

Students experiencing significant difficulties with any topic in the unit must seek assistance immediately.

**CLASSES**

The on-line program is conducted through Macquarie University’s On Line Teaching Facility (Blackboard).

- When studying on-line, your computer is the classroom  
- Blackboard is where,  
  - you will interact and liase with the Lecturer and other students  
  - your assessment tasks will be completed and submitted  
  - you conduct your final exam

The full resources of Macquarie University including the MU Library are available to all on-line students.
**REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS**

**Prescribed Text**
None.

**Recommended texts, articles, publications, etc.**
There is no Textbook but a *Book of Readings* has been developed for this Unit and is set up as Hyperlinks within the Readings area of the Unit in Blackboard MKTG804.

In addition to the *Book of Readings*, students are strongly encouraged to read widely in the area and to particularly use the World-Wide-Web as a powerful source of research in this subject. Students should be aware that apart from the conventional marketing and business journals, there are new online journals and websites, covering the latest developments in electronic marketing and electronic commerce. For example, *The Australian*, *Australian Financial Review*, and *Business Week* have special IT sections, every week.

Most supplemental readings and background materials will be published on-line, as noted in the course schedule. If there is a need for printed supplemental readings they will be placed on e-reserve in the Library.

A list of e-marketing Industry news websites and resources can be found on Blackboard.

**TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED**

The MKTG804 unit:

- Uses Blackboard as the main e-learning platform
- Uses ‘normal’ software that is on your PC or laptop (or is downloadable for free from the Web). You do not need to purchase any special software
- Uses web applications and videos in the class.
- Uses e-Learning software every week for online “live” classes.

**UNIT WEB PAGE**

- The web page for this unit can be found at: [http://learn.mq.edu.au](http://learn.mq.edu.au)
LEARNING OUTCOMES

The learning outcomes of this unit are that on successful completion of E-Business Marketing, students should be able to:

1. Understand the concepts and approaches to E-Business Marketing based on marketing within and using Computer-Mediated Environments (CME’s)
2. Understand contemporary and emerging skills and capabilities required for Marketing in the digital age.
3. Understand the development of infrastructure that contributes to current and emerging E-Marketing frameworks, models and philosophy – for both developed and emerging countries
4. Understand the new marketing philosophies and practice in areas such as Social Media, Mobile Marketing, Online Advertising, Search-Engine Marketing, Marketing Products and Services Online, Email Marketing, Legal areas,
5. Explore and develop insights and strategic conversation on new and emerging e-business technologies, products and services.

GRADUATE CAPABILITIES

Marketing graduates are expected to know the following 6 discipline specific knowledge and skills upon graduation. This unit contributes to this learning by helping student develop capability numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 below.

1. Learn to apply marketing principles and tactics in local and global markets for organisations (for-profit or non-profit) and governments in order to achieve commercial outcomes (e.g., profit) or solve social problems (e.g., public health and environmental issues).
2. Understand how and why consumers make decisions to purchase, use and eventually dispose of products and services resulting in a better understanding of consumerism issues in both for-profit and non-profit sectors.
3. Learn to define a problem consistent with business decisions, determine the information need, and then gather and process data to aid those decisions.
4. Learn how to structure a marketing message in order to achieve cut-through and position a brand through the creative and efficient use of various communication tools.
5. Understand the key concepts of customer acquisition, retention and development and the delivering of value to targeted segments at a profit by integrating internal processes, enabled by information technology.
6. Learn marketing strategy models, tools and analytical techniques to aid the assessment of marketing programs in order to maximise a company’s chances of achieving a sustainable competitive advantage.

In addition to the discipline based learning objectives above, Macquarie University also seeks to develop the following 6 generic capabilities in our graduates in order to address the challenges, and to be effective, engaged participants in their world. This unit contributes to this learning by helping student develop generic skills number 2, 3, 4 and 5 below (italicised).
Cognitive Capabilities

1. Discipline Knowledge and Skills
   Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

2. Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking
   Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

3. Research and Problem Solving Capability
   Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

Interpersonal and Personal Dispositions

4. Effective Communication
   Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

5. Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens
   Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

6. Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative
   Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.
**TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGY**

Blackboard is the main e-learning platform for communication to students undertaking the online MKTG804 E-Business Marketing course. You access Blackboard via the Macquarie University website. You need to log in using your student ID and password, for you to:

- Read the learning materials (both lecture material, readings, articles)
- Participate in the online live classes and discussions with the Lecturer and other students
  - Student discussion and participation is encouraged and emphasised in all online live classes and in the discussion board
- Assessment Items:
  - Class discussions and participation on weekly topics
  - Developing an E-Business Marketing Plan
  - Completing and passing a Final exam
- Communication with Students/Lecturer will be conducted *online* through Blackboard. This includes:
  - Posting messages, both public and private (MAIL)
  - Posting comments/discussion items (DISCUSSION)
  - Accessing and printing lecture material (MATERIALS)
  - Submitting Assignments (ASSIGNMENTS)
  - Conducting the Final Exam (QUIZ)
  - Accessing Grades and Marks (MY GRADE)
- The Lecturer will post audio recordings (MP3 files) of all the Lecture Topics for downloading and listening (PODCASTS).
- An online live classroom will be held each week using e-learning software. Details of the day and time will be forwarded to the students in Week 1.

For this unit you should allocate time for:
- reading the materials as specified in the Course Schedule
- analysing and commenting on the weekly discussion questions
- working on your *E-Business Marketing Plan* project
- studying for your Final Exam

How this unit is taught:
- Reading the learning materials (both lecture material and the readings)
- Discussions with the Lecturer and other students
  - Student discussion and participation of weekly topics is encouraged and emphasised in the discussion board in Blackboard and in the online live classroom
- Project work:
  - Developing and submitting an E-Business Marketing Plan
- Completing a Final exam
The List of Topics Covered in *E-Business Marketing* include:

- Digital Marketing Landscape:
- E-Business Models and Planning
- Consumer Behaviour / Demographics Online
- Website Design / Web Analytics
- Branding Online
- Market and Customer Information Management online
- Media Usage / Web 2.0 – 3.0
- Online Advertising / Video
- Word-of-Mouth / Viral Marketing / Email Marketing
- Social Media
- Search-Engine Marketing and Optimisation
- Affiliate Marketing
- Mobile Marketing
MKTG804 E-Business Marketing Schedule: Jan – Feb 2012

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<td><strong>Week 7</strong> w/c 13 Feb 2012</td>
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**Research and Practice**

- This unit uses research from external sources (references)
  - International journal of internet marketing and advertising
  - Web marketing today
  - Internet Business News
  - International Journal of e-Business Management

- This unit gives you practice in applying research findings in your assignments

- This unit gives you opportunities to conduct your own research
## Relationship between Assessment and Learning Outcomes

The assessment of the course has the following components:

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<td>Written report</td>
<td>Closed Book exam, 3 hours, Online.</td>
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<td>Friday 3 February 2012 6Pm (Sydney time). Upload onto Blackboard.</td>
<td>Please check the exam timetable – this will be emailed to your MQ address and posted in Blackboard. It will be held in w/c 13 February 2012.</td>
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### Learning outcomes assessed

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- Any request for extension of projects and assignments need to be emailed to the Lecturer before they are due.

- Assignments submitted late will attract a penalty of five marks deducted for each day after the due date. Except in the case where the assignment is accompanied by a doctor’s medical certificate.

- A minimum mandatory 80% attendance at lectures is a prerequisite to passing this course.

- Late submissions will result in 10% per day penalties.

**Examinations**

A final examination is included as an assessment task for this unit to provide assurance that:

i) the product belongs to the student and

ii) the student has attained the knowledge and skills tested in the exam.

A 3 hour online final examination for this unit will be held in w/c 13 February 2012. Sydney based students will sit their final exam at Macquarie University in North Ryde. Overseas living students will sit their exam in their home city/country. They will be advised of their exam location, supervisor etc. by a separate email to their Macquarie University email address.
You are expected to present yourself for examination at the time and place designated in the University Examination Timetable. The timetable will be available in draft form approximately eight weeks before the commencement of the examinations and in Final form approximately four weeks before the commencement of the examinations. http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/exam

The only exception to not sitting an examination at the designated time is because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances you may wish to consider applying for Special Consideration. Information about unavoidable disruption and the special consideration process is available at http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/Forms/APSCon.pdf

If a Supplementary Examination is granted as a result of the Special Consideration process the examination will be scheduled after the conclusion of the official examination period. (Individual Divisions may wish to signal when the Division's Supplementaries are normally scheduled.)

The Macquarie university examination policy details the principles and conduct of examinations at the University. The policy is available at: http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/examination/policy.htm
**ACADEMIC HONESTY**
The nature of scholarly endeavour, dependent as it is on the work of others, binds all members of the University community to abide by the principles of academic honesty. Its fundamental principle is that all staff and students act with integrity in the creation, development, application and use of ideas and information. This means that:

- all academic work claimed as original is the work of the author making the claim
- all academic collaborations are acknowledged
- academic work is not falsified in any way
- when the ideas of others are used, these ideas are acknowledged appropriately.

Further information on the academic honesty can be found in the Macquarie University Academic Honesty Policy at [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

**GRADES**
Macquarie University uses the following grades in coursework units of study:

- HD - High Distinction
- D - Distinction
- CR - Credit
- P - Pass
- F - Fail

Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the Macquarie University Grading Policy which is available at: [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html)

**GRADING APPEALS AND FINAL EXAMINATION SCRIPT VIEWING**
If, at the conclusion of the unit, you have performed below expectations, and are considering lodging an appeal of grade and/or viewing your final exam script please refer to the following website which provides information about these processes and the cut off dates in the first instance. Please read the instructions provided concerning what constitutes a valid grounds for appeal before appealing your grade.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

The University is committed to equity and fairness in all aspects of its learning and teaching. In stating this commitment, the University recognises that there may be circumstances where a student is prevented by unavoidable disruption from performing in accordance with their ability. A special consideration policy exists to support students who experience serious and unavoidable disruption such that they do not reach their usual demonstrated performance level. The policy is available at: http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/procedure.html

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at http://www.student.mq.edu.au.

IT CONDITIONS OF USE

Access to all student computing facilities within the Faculty of Business and Economics is restricted to authorised coursework for approved units. Student ID cards must be displayed in the locations provided at all times.

Students are expected to act responsibly when utilising University IT facilities. The following regulations apply to the use of computing facilities and online services:

● Accessing inappropriate web sites or downloading inappropriate material is not permitted. Material that is not related to coursework for approved unit is deemed inappropriate.
● Downloading copyright material without permission from the copyright owner is illegal, and strictly prohibited. Students detected undertaking such activities will face disciplinary action, which may result in criminal proceedings.

Non-compliance with these conditions may result in disciplinary action without further notice.

Students must use their Macquarie University email addresses to communicate with staff as it is University policy that the University issued email account is used for official University communication.