

Syllabus for Master of Business Administration, 3rd Semester Functional Area Specialization: Marketing Management Subject Name: Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) Subject Code: 4539212

With effective from academic year 2018-19

1. Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcome Component	Learning Outcome (Learner will be able to)
Business Environment and Domain Knowledge (BEDK)	 Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of marketing communications theories and concepts. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the structure of the communications industry and the complexities involved in promotions management.
Critical thinking, Business Analysis, Problem Solving and Innovative Solutions (CBPI)	 Perform a detailed situation analysis for a brand, thereby selecting its target market segment and deciding its marketing communication objectives, budget and strategies. Develop an integrated cross-media strategy with respect to creative strategy, creative tactics, creative execution, Source, media and channel planning; along with appropriate rationale for each of these. Evaluate and select the methods marketers can use to assess and measure the effectiveness of an IMC campaign.
Global Exposure and Cross- Cultural Understanding (GECCU)	• <i>Demonstrate</i> an understanding of how cultural connotations are major influencers of promotional planning.
Social Responsiveness and Ethics (SRE)	• <i>Design</i> plans, strategies and messages which respect the values, morals, ethics and sensitivities of the society.
Effective Communication (EC)	 Formulate effective promotional strategies and tactics and communicate their relevance. Analyze consumers' characteristics to create effective communication.
Leadership and Teamwork (LT)	• <i>Collaborate</i> effectively with your team members to plan marketing communications in a comprehensive and integrated manner.

LO – PO Mapping: Correlation Levels:

1 = Slight (Low); 2 = Moderate (Medium); 3 = Substantial (High), "-"= no correlation

Sub. Code: 4539212	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9
LO1: <i>Demonstrate</i> a comprehensive understanding of marketing communication theories and concepts	3	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	3
LO2: <i>Demonstrate</i> knowledge and understanding of the structure of the communications industry and the complexities involved in promotions management.	2	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	2



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LO3: <i>Perform</i> a detailed situation analysis for a brand, thereby selecting its target market segment and deciding its marketing communication objectives, budget and strategies.	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	2	2
LO4: <i>Develop</i> an integrated cross-media strategy with respect to creative strategy, creative tactics, creative execution, Source, media and channel planning; along with appropriate rationale for each of these.	2	2	3	2	-	-	-	1	1
LO5: Evaluate and select the methods marketers can use to assess and measure the effectivenessof an IMC campaign.	2	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	1
LO6: <i>Demonstrate</i> an understanding of how cultural connotations are major influencers of promotional planning.	2	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
L07: <i>Design</i> plans, strategies and messages which respect the values, morals, ethics and sensitivities of the society.	2	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	1
LO8: <i>Formulate</i> effective promotional strategies and tactics and communicate their relevance.	1	-	-	3	-	2	-	2	2
LO9: <i>Analyze</i> consumers' characteristics to create effective communication.	-	-	2	3	-	1	1	1	1
LO10: <i>Collaborate</i> effectively with your team members to plan marketing communications in a comprehensive and integrated manner.	1	-	-	3	-	3	-	1	2



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2. Course Duration: The course duration is of 40 sessions of 60 minutes each.

3. Course Contents:

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Module No:	Contents	No. of Sessions	70 Marks (External Evaluation)					
I	An Overview of Integrated Marketing Communications: Marketing Communication Objectives, concepts, terms Promotional Mix Elements The Tools of Marketing Communications (brief characteristics) (Media Advertising, Direct Response Advertising, Place Advertising, Store Signage and Point-of-Purchase Advertising, Trade- and Consumer-Oriented Promotions, Event Marketing and Sponsorships, Public Relations and Publicity, Personal Selling, Social Media, Online Marketing) Integration of Marketing Communications IMC planning process Meaning of meaning (semiotics) Dimensions of meaning Transfer of meaning Consumer Processing model (in brief) Hedonic Experiential model Response hierarchy models: AIDA, AIETA, FCB Grid, Rossiter—Percy Grid	10	18					
II	Objective setting and budgeting for the promotional program: Setting Marcom Objectives Hierarchy of effects model, DAGMAR Marcom budgeting and methods of budgeting Creating effective advertising: Defining creativity Hierarchy of impressions Overview of advertising management: Advertising management program Role of advertising in IMC Selecting an agency Role of Advertising Agencies and other marketing communication organizations: Participants in the IMC process	10	18					



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	 Client's role in organizing for advertising and promotion Advertising agencies (including agency compensation and evaluation) Specialized services Collateral services IMC services Developing an ad campaign management strategy Constructing the creative brief Advertising Design - I: Advertising theory Hierarchy of effects, means-end chain and laddering, MECCAS, verbal and visual images Message strategies Message factors (from SMC Factors) Cognitive, affective and conative strategies Advertising Appeals Message execution 		
	 Execution styles Sources and spokespersons Types of sources Source factors (from SMC Factors) 		
III	 Advertising Design - II: Media Strategy Media planning Channel factors (from SMC Factors) Media terminologies Reach, frequency, GRP, TRP, impressions, continuity, recency v/s primacy effect Media Selection Traditional media channels Types, advantages and disadvantages of – Television, radio, OOH, Print Components of a print ad: Headline, body copy, illustrations and layout Storyboard for T.V. advertising Other IMC Tools: Personal selling's role in promotion mix and IMC Sales Promotion Trade oriented Consumer oriented PR, Publicity, sponsorships 	10	17
IV	Digital Media: Online, Mobile and App Advertising: (Only a brief outline) E-commerce:	10	17



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 Building an e-commerce site, e-commerce incentives, privacy and security issues

Mobile marketing:

Types of mobile marketing

Online advertising:

- Search Marketing
 - o SEO, SEM
- Display or Banner Ads
- Rich Media: Pop-Ups, Interstitials, Superstatials, and Video Ads
- Websites and Sponsored Sites
- Blogs and Podcasts
- E-mail Advertising
- Measuring Internet Ad Effectiveness

Social Media Advertising:

- Social Media Advantages and Disadvantages
- Social media categories and brands
- Social Networking
- How to Advertise on Social Networks
- Privacy and Other Concerns
- Measurement of Social Media Campaigns

Direct Marketing:

- Concept, advantages and disadvantages
- Direct-Response Advertising
- Direct Mail
- Telemarketing (outbound and inbound)

Other Media:

• Brand Placements, Yellow-Pages Advertising, Video-Game Advertising, Cinema Advertising

Measuring Advertising Effectiveness:

- Concept of pre-testing, concurrent testing, post-testing
- Pre-testing:
 - Focus Group, individual interview, ante-room trailer, consumer juries, ethnography, on-air testing
 - Theater test, portfolio test, dummy advertising vehicles, readability tests
 - Physiological measures
- Con-current testing:
 - Coincidental surveys
 - o Attitude tests
 - Tracking studies
- Post-testing:
 - o Recognition Starch test, Bruzzone test
 - o Recall Day-After-Recall
 - Inquiry tests



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	 Sales test 	
	 Comprehensive measures 	
	Measuring overall IMC	
	Practical:	
	• Students can create IMC campaigns for real /	
	hypothetical products /services / brands.	(30 marks
V	• Students can analyze and interpret communication materials available in open domain.	 CEC)
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	• Students can identify the promotional eco-system	
	existing in the country, and in their geographical area.	

4. Pedagogy:

- ICT enabled Classroom teaching
- Case study
- Practical / live assignment
- Interactive class room discussions

5. Evaluation:

Students shall be evaluated on the following components:

	Internal Evaluation	(Internal Assessment- 50 Marks)			
A	 Continuous Evaluation Component 	30 marks			
	 Class Presence & Participation 	10 marks			
	• Quiz	10 marks			
В	Mid-Semester examination	(Internal Assessment-30 Marks)			
C	End –Semester Examination	(External Assessment-70 Marks)			

6. Reference Books:

No.	Author	Name of the Book	Publisher	Year of Publication / Edition
1	Kenneth E. Clow, Donald E. Baack	Integrated Advertising, Promotion and Marketing Communications	Pearson	6 th
2	Terence A. Shimp, J. Craig Andrews	Advertising Promotion and Other Aspects of Integrated Marketing Communications	Cengage	9th
3	Kruti Shah	Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communications	McGraw Hill	1st
4	George E. Belch, Michael A. Belch, KeyoorPurani	Advertising and Promotion	McGrawh Hill	9th
5	Niraj Kumar	Integrated Marketing Communication	Himalaya	Latest
6	S. N. Murthy, U. Bhojanna	Advertising: An IMC Perspective	Excel Books	3 rd
7	Jonathan Hardy, Iain Mercury, Helen Powell	The Advertising Handbook	Routledge	2014



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Note: Wherever the standard books are not available for the topic appropriate print and online resources, journals and books published by different authors may be prescribed.

7. List of Journals / Periodicals / Magazines / Newspapers / Web resources, etc.

- 1. International Journal of Advertising
- 2. Indian Journal of Marketing
- 3. Pitch (Magazine www.pitchonnet.com)
- 4. www.campaignindia.in
- 5. www.afaqs.com