Course Description
Advertising Strategy is an overview of the strategic planning process required to develop a successful advertising and/or integrated marketing communications (IMC) campaign. The overall goal of this course is to deepen and broaden understanding of brand integrated communication management by accomplishing the following:

• Presenting a wide range of interconnected, integrated communication management tools leading to decisions that are similar to those encountered in the professional world.
• Presenting the case method — a structured, field-tested approach to decision-making that is a practical and useful method for addressing a variety of communications management issues.
• Utilizing individual assignments to demonstrate individual writing skills and communication problem-solving abilities.
• Utilizing the team case analysis and class presentation to closely approximate the work environment of a management position on the client side or from within an agency.
• To accomplish these objectives, this course requires you to:
  • Think in a precise, structured manner and follow a structured decision-making process.
  • Assess problems and opportunities, isolate key facts, rank priorities and align management issues.
  • Make decisions and create action plans appropriate to the situation under consideration.
  • Efficiently and persuasively write up and present analysis and sell recommendations.
  • Justify and defend a proposed recommendation against criticism from colleagues.
  • Learn independently and from each other to make up for areas not yet studied.

Textbook
**Course Website**
All announcements, assignments, and grades will be posted on Canvas (https://lss.at.ufl.edu/).

Be sure you have a valid email address connected with Canvas. It is your responsibility to check Canvas regularly.

**Expectations**
Students have a responsibility to actively participate and engage in the work presented in this course. Successful course completion is heavily contingent on the ability to work effectively in a small group setting. The bulk of class time will focus on discussion of readings and case presentations. Come prepared and ready to take an informed stand. A lively discussion among colleagues is the objective. Every student should be prepared to state and defend positions, as well as refute the position of others in a cogent manner. Ask questions. There are no wrong questions.

**Evaluation**
Your evaluation in ADV 3001 will be based on the following components:

1. Two written team case analysis and presentations, including peer evaluations: 40 points.
2. Individual assignments and quizzes: 10 points
3. Two exams: 20 points each (40 total)
4. In-class participation/attendance: 10 points
5. Extra credit: .5 to 3 points, at professor’s discretion.

Total
100 points possible

Final letter grades will be assigned based on your final point total at the end of the semester.

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Exams
There will be two in-class exams during the regularly scheduled class period. Exams are designed to test cumulative knowledge of the main ideas covered in the text, lectures, student presentation materials, and in-class exercises up to the exam date specified on the syllabus. The general exam format consists of several open-ended questions and multiple choice and/or true-false questions. **NO make-up opportunities will be offered unless valid excuse is presented and approved in advance.** Additionally, make-up exams will be allowed only for the students with the appropriate documentation.

Individual Assignments & Quizzes
Occasional quizzes will generally consist of five short-answer questions based on the lecture and/or reading assigned for the class preceding classes in which the quiz is administered. **NO quiz make-up opportunities will be given unless the absence is excused by the university.**

Individual assignments are due at the start of class. See the section on general course policies for additional information.

Written Team Case Analysis and Presentations
In this course, you are on an “agency account team.” The grade is a team grade, meaning that each team member receives the same grade, as in the professional world. The grade is divided between the team case analysis grade and the team presentation grade. The presenting team must have all team members in attendance. **Failure to make the presentation on the assigned date will result in zero credit with NO form of makeup possible.**

Each presenting group should plan on talking for approximately 15 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes for questions from the class.

Papers must be professionally written, with complete sentences and fully explained ideas. The paper grade is based on format, statement of the problem, list of critical factors, definition of alternatives, a pro/con discussion, and conclusion/additional comments. The presentation grade is based on professionalism, introduction, teamwork, delivery, visual aides, and how the Q&A is handled.

- Case paper format: Single-spaced (12 pt.), no more than 4 pages (not including the reference page), and follow the format covered in class.
- PowerPoint slides: Have your slides ready on the computer screen before class begins.

Team Final Project
Your agency team will develop the full integrated marketing communications (IMC) campaign plan using the various types of persuasive communication techniques discussed in class (details will be given in class) and make final team presentations.

Peer Evaluation
Due with each team case and presentation is a Peer Evaluation:
While your team case presentation and paper grade is the same for all team members, your individual team project grade is subject to adjustments according to your average peer evaluation. Your grade will be significantly lowered by a poor peer evaluation. The team member evaluation is **due at the beginning of class the day of the presentation.** The rule regarding late assignments is applied to the team member evaluation. After the deadline, 10
percent of the project grade is deducted each day the team member evaluation is turned in late. If you have any problems with your group or a particular group member, you need to address and resolve it immediately. We respect your right to privacy, so you must print out the form, fill it out in private, and bring it to hand in on the day it is due in class. You may, alternatively, email it to the professor. These forms are CONFIDENTIAL.

**General Course Policies**

**Absences**

Each student is allowed two excused absences for the semester without penalty to the final attendance point total. Absences beyond TWO—for any reason—will result in a reduction of the course grade by 1/3 of a letter grade (for each additional class absence) or failure of the class. Students are responsible for any information missed during an absence.

If you have a valid and unavoidable reason for missing class, you will need to provide me with proper documentation (e.g., a doctor’s note or hospitalization record) for your absence on your first day back.

Excused absences include:

- Religious holidays (only the holiday).
- Documented, dated, necessary medical excuse or official documented legal excuse (a dated doctor’s note or prescription). The Student Health Center will provide you a specific kind of note that indicates they think you should’ve missed class or will need to miss additional days
- University competitive events (that means athletes).
- Situations that are NOT considered excused absences include: social events, meetings, entertaining out-of-town guests, holiday/travel plans, weddings, etc.

**Assignments**

All assignments are to be typed. Team and individual assignments and are due by the beginning of class on the due date. If you have a conflict with the deadline, alert me and turn it in early.

**Late work policy:**

Advertising is a deadline business. All due dates for assignments, once set, are final. If an assignment or activity is not received prior to the deadline, a grade of ZERO will be assigned unless PRIOR arrangements are approved by me. If prior arrangements are not possible due to the circumstances of the absence, an excused absence must be requested in writing and documentation provided for verification. If an excused absence is granted, late work may be accepted with penalties assessed for late submission.

**Professional Courtesy**

As a courtesy to your instructor and to your classmates, please make sure at the beginning of each class period that your cell phones are turned OFF. In-class laptop usage is restricted to taking notes about this particular class. Inappropriate use of a laptop—using the internet for reasons not related to this class—will NOT be accepted.

**Policy on Scholastic Dishonesty**

The University defines academic dishonesty as cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, falsifying academic records, and any act designed to avoid participating honestly in the learning process. Scholastic dishonesty also includes, but is not limited to, providing false or misleading information to receive a postponement or an extension on a test or other assignment, and submission of essentially the same written assignment for two courses without
the prior permission of the instructor. By accepting this syllabus, you have agreed to these guidelines and must adhere to them. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Please read more information on academic dishonesty at https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/

**Students with Disabilities**
Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to me when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

**Religious Holy Days**
By UF policy, a student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day must notify me of his or her pending absence prior to the date of a religious holy day, so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment or activity within a reasonable time after the absence.

**Online Course Evaluation**

Feedback is a gift. Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last 2-3 weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at: https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.

**Tentative Nature of the Syllabus**
I reserve the right to change and/or add readings throughout the semester. Furthermore, I reserve the right to change and or move around scheduled lectures in order to facilitate for potential unplanned events (cancellations or guest speakers). If changes in the schedule are necessary, students will be held responsible for such changes, which will be announced in class ahead of time.

**Tentative Course Schedule**

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<td>Read chapter 1, Answer Review Questions 1-6, 1-7, 1-11 &amp; 1-14. Do Integrated Learning Exercise 1-27. Presentation workshop; writing and presentation strategies; team formation</td>
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<td>Read chapter 14. For discussion prepare Critical Thinking Exercise 14-24 and 14-29.</td>
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<td>Read chapter 2. Complete Review Questions 2-11 and 2-14. There will be a class exercise.</td>
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<td>Chapter 2, Case 2, answer all questions, prepare for class discussion.</td>
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Week 2: 5/15
M  Read chapter 3. Class exercise.
T  Quiz; Read for discussion, Chapter 4.
W  Read Chapter 5, especially page 139 forward.
T  First round of team presentations: case to be assigned
F  Chapter 6, review for exam

Week 3: 5/22
M  First Exam; covers text Chapters 1-6.
T  Read for discussion, chapter 7; read case 2, Running Free, and answer all five questions
W  Work on presentations
T  First presentations
F  First presentations

Monday, May 29 is a holiday

Week 4: 5/30
M  Read Chapter 8, focus on mobile. How much of your buying behavior is on mobile or on computer based websites (laptop/desktop)?
T  Continuing Chapter 8, do Integrated Learning Exercises 8-30 and 8-31.
W  Read Chapter 9, Complete Case 1, Shelby’s Stables and answer all five questions.
T  Chapter 9 discussion. Assignment of final projects
F  Read chapter 10; answer Critical Thinking Exercises 10-22 and 10-23.

Week 5: 6/5
M  Quiz; read Chapter 15.
T  Read Chapter 13 for discussion.
W  In class project work.
T  Review for exam; discuss future of Integrated Marketing Communications
F  2nd exam

Week 6: 6/12
Final team projects
Required of all students

Print this page, sign and return during week 1 with information required below:

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE SYLLABUS FOR ADV 3001.

SIGNED: ____________________________________________

PRINT NAME: _________________________________________

DATE: ___________________________