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Measuring Change
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Instructor Bio:
While pursuing a master’s of public health from the University of North Carolina, I made the deliberate decision to become someone who evaluates behavior change campaigns and works with the people who implement them. With that goal in mind, I completed a doctorate in communication at the University of Pennsylvania, where I conducted research on communication effects, formative research for campaign development, and evaluation of communication campaigns. I have training in evaluation research methods, behavior change theory, study design, statistics, message strategy selection, and, importantly, reporting on evaluation results. Now, in addition to instructing this new course, I am a social scientist and research analyst in the Center for Communication Science at RTI International, a non-profit research organization charged with turning knowledge into practice to improve the human condition (www.rti.org).

Course Website and Login
Your course is Canvas (UF e-Learning). Go to http://lss.at.ufl.edu. Click the blue e-Learning button. Login with your GatorLink account. Your course will be in the Courses menu on the left navigation. You might have to click All Courses at the bottom depending on how many courses you have taken at UF.

Contact UF Helpdesk http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/ (352) 392-HELP (4357) if you have any trouble with accessing your course.

Course Description:
Good communication strategists make a habit of confronting important questions about the campaigns that they develop. Before a campaign begins, they want to know their audience. During the campaign, they investigate whether it is functioning as planned. After the campaign, they ask whether it had the intended impact. To answer these questions reliably, strategic communication developers work
alongside evaluators who carry out research before, during, and after campaigns are developed and launched. Funders, policymakers, and the public often want to know if a campaign “worked” in the past or will work in the future. Evaluation affords us the opportunity to answer those questions with some certainty, rather than simply guessing or assuming based on anecdotal experience. This course takes a broad look at the role of research and evaluation in strategic communication campaigns, and provides a foundation and tactics for working productively with evaluators. Students will become familiar with evaluation phases (formative, monitoring, and summative) and the types of research designs that evaluators use to measure campaign impact. We will consider why evaluation is ultimately important to successful campaigns and establish a set of tools for conducting and leveraging research as part of strategic communication practice.

Course Objectives:
By the end of this course, students will learn:

- the role of evaluation research in strategic communication campaigns;
- when and how to assemble evaluation support;
- evaluation “lingo” to facilitate conversations and partnerships with researchers;
- formative research approaches to drive campaign strategy, including how to glean useful insights from existing literature and how to conduct research with target audiences;
- drawbacks and advantages of different evaluation designs; and
- how to communicate about research findings responsibly and effectively with the news media, policymakers, and funders.

Course Expectations:
Given your decision to pursue public interest communication, I imagine that you will work with evaluators or conduct some or all parts of communication campaign evaluations at some point during your career. My hope is that this course will spark your interest in evaluation and cultivate a new or enhanced appreciation for this type of social science. Toward that end, this course includes 12 modules over 12 weeks, each of which will cover different evaluation components and examples. In addition to readings and module videos, this course includes nine assignments of varying intensity. Students are expected to complete work on time and participate in a professional manner while respecting the instructor and fellow students. Students who complete quality assignments on time will do well in this course.

Ownership Education:
As graduate students, you are not passive participants in this course. All students in this Program have a background in marketing, advertising, public relations, journalism, or similar fields. This class allows you to not only take ownership of your educational experience but to also provide your expertise and knowledge in helping your fellow classmates. The Canvas shell will have an open Q&A thread where you should pose questions to your classmates and instructor when you have a question as it relates to an assignment. Your classmates along with your instructor will be able to respond to these questions and provide feedback and help. This also allows everyone to gain the same knowledge in one location rather than the instructor responding back to just one student which limits the rest of the class from gaining
this knowledge. For questions or comments pertaining to personal matters, please email your instructor directly.

**Recommended Texts:**
You are not required to purchase these textbooks, but you may prefer to have them in your own library. Links to all required book excerpts and journal articles will be provided in Canvas.


**Prerequisite knowledge and skills:**
We will read a number of research articles pertaining to campaign evaluations. These articles will often contain statistical information. While a background in statistics is not a formal prerequisite for this course, the material that we cover may be more intriguing if you have a general sense for basic statistical principles (e.g., what does it mean for an estimate to be “statistically significant”?). For those who do not have statistics resources available from previous training, I recommend “googling” various statistical terms as you come across them in the readings (e.g., “regression,” “weighting,” “interaction terms”) if you want to know more. One of my favorite free resources for learning about statistics and statistical analysis is the UCLA Institute for Digital Research and Education ([https://stats.idre.ucla.edu/other/mult-pkg/faq/general/](https://stats.idre.ucla.edu/other/mult-pkg/faq/general/)). I consult this web site regularly.

**Course Policies:**

**Attendance Policy:**
Because this is an online asynchronously delivered course, attendance in the form of calling roll will not occur; however, students are expected to sign onto the course site at least once each day, Monday – Friday, to check for course updates in the **Announcements, Q&A, and Discussion** sections of the site.

**Late Work and Make-up Policy:**
Deadlines are critical to this class. All work is due on or before the due date. Extensions for deadlines will only be for preapproved emergencies. Minor inconveniences such as family vacation or minor illness are not valid reasons for extensions. If work is submitted late, it will also be evaluated late. Point deductions for late work are as follows:

- More than 24 hours late but less than 48 hours late: 05 points off
- 48 hours late: 10 points off
• More than 48 hours late but less than 5 days late 15 points off
• 5 days or more late Not accepted at all

Issues with uploading work for a grade is not an excuse. If a student is having technical difficulties with Canvas, there are other means to submit completed work. Student may email .zip files or even links to Dropbox folders to Instructor via UF email. Students should compensate for technical difficulties by not waiting until the last minute to submit work.

Suggested technical issue policy: Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues MUST be accompanied by the ticket number received from LSS when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You MUST e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up. Contact UF helpdesk (352) 392-HELP.

Emergency and extenuating circumstances policy: Students who face emergencies, such as a major personal medical issue, a death in the family, serious illness of a family member, or other situations beyond their control should notify their instructors immediately.

Students are also advised to contact the Dean of Students Office if they would like more information on the medical withdrawal or drop process: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/care/medical-withdrawal-process/.

Students MUST inform their academic advisor before dropping a course, whether for medical or non-medical reasons. Your advisor will assist with notifying professors and go over options for how to proceed with their classes. Your academic advisor is Tiffany Robbert, and she may be reached at trobbert@jou.ufl.edu.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalogue at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

Coursework Submissions:
All assignments will be submitted electronically through the Assignments section in Canvas.

Deadlines:
This class, like others, involves deadlines. Here is a reminder. The new lecture starts on Mondays. Specific due dates for each assignment are listed in the weekly schedule later in this syllabus.

• Weekly assignments See due dates listed later in this syllabus
• Final assignment Last Friday of the semester (March 30, 2018)

Grading:
Your work will be evaluated according to the following distribution:

• Assignments (not including final assignment) 65%
• Final assignment 20%
• Participation (including completion of assignments) 15%

The final grade will be awarded as follows. I do not round up to next decimal. For example, 92.7 is an A-
A 100% to 93%
A- < 93% to 90%
B+ < 90% to 87%
B < 87% to 83%
B- < 83% to 80%
C+ < 80% to 77%
C < 77% to 73%
C- < 73% to 70%
D+ < 70% to 67%
D < 67% to 63%
D- < 63% to 60%
F < 60% to 0%

Current UF grading policies for assigning grade points:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

Course and Assignment Details

Weekly Lectures:
The instructor will post a lecture video or videos to Canvas for each week and two additional videos – one is an introduction to the course and course topic and the other will cover the syllabus. These videos will vary in length depending on the material. It is your responsibility to watch each of the videos.

Although it is possible to watch the pre-recorded video lectures at any time and at any pace, keeping up with the videos week to week according to the schedule will be easier as many build off the other along with the assignments and weekly readings.

Assignment 1 Details:

**Discussion post 1**: On the Discussion section of the course site on Canvas, please respond to the following questions in ONE post:

1) Name a past or current strategic communication campaign for social change that has interested you. If there is a website for this campaign, please provide it.
2) What about this campaign seemed effective? What about the campaign didn’t seem effective?
3) Do you know if the campaign was successful? If so, how do you know?
4) In 2-5 sentences, please describe what you know about evaluation of campaigns (or programs). If you don’t know a lot about evaluation (which is totally fine), please take a guess as to what it is.

Assignment 1 Rubric

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*Note. Completing this assignment will count toward your participation grade.*
Assignment 2 Details:

**Discussion post 2:** On the Discussion section of the course site on Canvas, please respond to the following questions in ONE post:

1) Indicate what is confusing about the syllabus, if anything.
2) Indicate what was especially clear or helpful on the syllabus, if anything.

Assignment 2 Rubric

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**Total Score: 100**

*Note.* Completing this assignment will count toward your participation grade.

Assignment 3 Details:

**Elicitation interviews:** Please write this assignment in MS Word and upload the .docx file to the Assignments section on Canvas. The file name should include your first and last name, and assignment number (e.g., SarahParvanta_Assignment3.docx). Think of a behavior that you would like to change through a strategic communication campaign. Identify two people (friends, family members, and/or coworkers) for whom the behavior is relevant. For example, perhaps your behavioral objective is filling out a voter registration form in the next three months.

1) Define the action, target, context, and time of this behavior as explained on pages 29-30 in Fishbein and Ajzen (2010). See Week 2 readings for this chapter.

2) Identify two people in your target audience and ask them 5 questions to elicit their salient behavioral beliefs, normative referents, and control factors regarding this behavior. You may ask them to write down their beliefs, or you ask for verbal responses and take notes. You can also record the interviews, but you must ask for permission from your participant before doing so. **CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS INDIVIDUALLY (I.E., SEPARATELY), RATHER THAN IN A GROUP.**

3) Here is a summary of the 5 questions. Further details on how to ask these questions is on pages 451-452 in Fishbein and Ajzen (2010). Please follow the question format on those two pages.

   - Question 1. What are the advantages of performing this behavior
   - Question 2. What are the disadvantages of performing this behavior?
   - Question 3. Are there individuals who think you should/should not do this behavior?
   - Question 4. What factors would enable you to do this behavior?
   - Question 5. What factors would hinder you from doing this behavior?

4) In your write-up, indicate the behavioral objective that you are evaluating. Report all of the beliefs, referents, and control factors that each participant lists in the exact order that the participants list them. Do not combine the two participants’ responses into one list. Instead, present the responses for each participant separately so you can see how the lists differ or align. Underline, highlight, or boldface the first five beliefs, normative referents, and control factors
for each participant. (If the participant lists fewer than 5 beliefs, referents, or control factors, indicate that in your write-up.)

Notes: 1) If you choose a behavioral objective that is a sensitive topic and you would not feel comfortable asking close others about this behavior, then please identify a different behavior that is more easily discussed with your interview participants for this assignment. Do not list any identifying information about your interview participants on the one-page write-up that you submit. 2) If one (or both) of your participants provide very little usable data, leaving you with little information on their salient beliefs for one or more of the questions, you may need to interview an additional participant (or two) to yield a more comprehensive set of salient beliefs. However, watch the Assignment 3 video for suggestions on how to encourage your participants to provide richer responses.

**Assignment 3 Rubric**

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**Assignment 4 Details:**

*Secondary research:* Please write this assignment in MS Word and upload the .docx file to the Assignments section on Canvas. The file name should include your first and last name, and assignment.
number (e.g., SarahParvanta_Assignment4.docx). Using the same behavioral objective that you investigated in Assignment #3:

1) Identify 1-3 journal articles or other peer-reviewed sources describing empirical research on factors that may be associated with your behavioral objective, including the factors listed in the Integrative Model (beliefs, attitudes, perceived social norms, self-efficacy, skills, environmental factors; Fishbein & Ajzen, 2010).

2) Please identify at least 5 factors within the sources that you collect in Step 1. It may be difficult to find literature on the exact behavior you have chosen. In that case find literature on similar behaviors that you think are pertinent.

3) On one page, list the behavioral objective, and list each of the factors that you identified in your literature review. Cite each of the factors. Include a reference list at the bottom of the page in American Psychological Association format.

Note, it is fine if you’re interested in identifying more than 3 articles and/or if your write-up requires 2 pages rather than 1 page. However, you will not receive extra credit for this extra work.

Assignment 4 Rubric

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Assignment 5 Details:

**Questionnaire development:** Please write this assignment in MS Word and upload the .docx file to the Assignments section on Canvas. The file name should include your first and last name, and assignment number (e.g., SarahParvanta_Assignment5.docx). Design a closed-ended questionnaire based on the behavioral objective that you selected in Assignment #3 and the beliefs that you identified in Assignment #3 and Assignment #4. The questionnaire will include 8-12 questions. Three questions will measure intentions to perform the behavior. The remaining 5-9 questions will ask about the top five salient beliefs that emerged in Assignment #1, and the factors that you identified in your literature review in Assignment #3. The questions should include response options. Use the question examples on pages 457-463 in Fishbein & Ajzen (2010) to help you write your questions. You are also permitted to model your question design on other examples in the literature or on surveys from reputable organizations. Cite all sources that you use and include a reference list in American Psychological Association format at the end of your questionnaire.
Assignment 5 Rubric

**Assignment 5: Questionnaire development**

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Assignment 6 Details:

**Campaign brief**: Write a campaign brief describing the analysis of potential messages for campaigns and your recommendations based on the findings. See the Week 4 lecture video for instructions on completing this assignment. Please write this assignment in MS Word and upload the .docx file to the Assignments section on Canvas. The file name should include your first and last name, and assignment number (e.g., SarahParvanta_Assignment6.docx).

Assignment 6 Rubric

**Assignment 6: Campaign brief**

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Assignment 7 Details:

**Critique of ad strategies (Discussion post):** Please watch the following three ads. The first two ads were identified as some of the best recent examples of social change campaigns by Campaign, a web platform for industry ([http://www.campaignlive.com/article/100-years-ads-best-campaigns-social-good/1443762](http://www.campaignlive.com/article/100-years-ads-best-campaigns-social-good/1443762)). The third ad is another example from the Ad Council, and organization that produces public service advertising for social change ([https://www.adcouncil.org/](https://www.adcouncil.org/)).

1. “Love Has No Labels”
2. “The Talk”
3. “Never Give Up Until They Buckle Up”

Watch each ad and respond to the following two questions for each of the three ads. Submit your responses on the Discussion section of the course site on Canvas and then review how your ideas were similar or different from other students’ ideas.

1) What behavior or behaviors is the ad targeting?
2) What belief or beliefs is the ad targeting? If you struggle to identify the specific behavior(s) or belief(s) indicate why you think the target behavior(s) or belief(s) are ambiguous.

Assignment 7 Rubric

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Assignment 8 Details:

**Impact evaluation critique:** Please write this assignment in MS Word and upload the .docx file to the Assignments section on Canvas. The file name should include your first and last name, and assignment number (e.g., SarahParvanta_Assignment8.docx). Identify an article describing a summative/impact evaluation of a strategic communication campaign. Describe the evaluation design, behavioral objective, independent variable(s), dependent variable(s), sample recruitment method, and the main findings. Did the authors evaluate exposure level and if so, how? What are the strengths of the evaluation approach. What are the weaknesses? What would you change about the evaluation approach, if anything? Your
assessment should be 1-3 pages. Include the reference to the article you present in American Psychological Association (APA) format.

Assignment 8 Rubric

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Final Assignment Details:

**Campaign evaluation design:** I strongly recommend that you re-read Hornik & Yanovitzky (2003) for insight on most of the questions below. See Week Two readings for this article. For all of your responses, provide justification based on credible literature, your own theories or experiences, or both. Prioritize published and peer-reviewed literature where possible. Cite all sources that you use within the text and provide full references at the end of the document. Use American Psychological Association (APA) formatting for in-text citations and references. Please write at least one paragraph in response to each question. The paper should be no more than 10 or 12 pages long including figures and references, double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. If you can write a well-informed paper in less than 10 pages, that is also acceptable. Please write this assignment in MS Word and upload the .docx file to the Assignments section on Canvas. The file name should include your first and last name, and assignment number (e.g., SarahParvanta_FinalAssignment.docx).

For the final assignment, you will design an evaluation for a communication campaign. You may use initiative A or B as a basis for the communication campaign that you would evaluate, if you choose.


B. The [Foundation for the Conservation of Water in the Metropolitan Region of Guatemala (FUNCAGUA)](http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2010/12/15/lgbt-research-face-people/) has assembled to protect water resources in Guatemala, and is working with [Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG)](http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2010/12/15/lgbt-research-face-people/) and the [Private Institute for Climate Change Research (ICC)](http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2010/12/15/lgbt-research-face-people/) to create water conservation strategies for Guatemala City. UVG and ICC aim to improve water quality and quantity for Guatemala City residents located near Lake Amatitlan. Guatemala City has a growing population which presents increasing demand for drinking water. Lake Amatitlan would be an important source of drinking water, but the reservoir is currently unsafe due to pollution from human and industrial waste from nearby Guatemala City. The community and relevant local agencies, including the authorities who manage the lake
watershed, have not mobilized to treat the current pollution or prevent new pollution. This issue has also attracted little political attention or support thus far. UVG and ICC intend to design, implement, and evaluate a communication campaign that informs the population, farmers, and/or governing agencies about water quality and quantity in Lake Amatitlan. Ultimately, the organization hopes to generate public demand for pollution mitigation in the lake and improved access to a high-quality water supply. This public demand, UVG and ICC hope, will mobilize agencies and policy makers to implement structural and environmental changes that address public demand.

These initiatives do not have existing communication campaigns, and so you will need to envision a campaign that builds on the formative research approach that you propose, and then design the evaluation plans for that campaign. Do not spend excessive time thinking about the campaign’s creative approach (e.g., advertisements, PSAs); this course is not focused on message effects research. Instead, focus on designing an evaluation tailored to your campaign. If you don’t want to design a communication campaign evaluation for initiatives A or B above, but you have another real-world initiative in mind that has not been evaluated, please contact me to discuss. Students should not use an imaginary initiative for this paper. Evaluators are often asked to design research around initiatives that clients and campaign planners have already chosen. Therefore, using an existing initiative for this assignment provides an opportunity for real-world evaluation practice. The prompts above do not provide you with detailed information on behavioral objectives, routes of effect, target populations, etc. Very often, organizations aiming to roll out a campaign have not clearly defined these important components and so the evaluator must make these recommendations. In writing your paper, please address the following questions:

1) Define the specific behavior that the campaign will change. Include the behavioral criteria laid out by Fishbein & Ajzen (2010). See Assignment #3.

2) What are the routes of effect? Will the campaign affect behavior through individuals, institutions, social networks, or a combination of these routes? Draw a general model showing how the campaign will influence the behavior. See Figure 1 in Hornik & Yanovitzky (2003) for guidance.

3) How long do you expect it to take for the campaign to have an effect (i.e., what kind of lag time do you expect between when the campaign launches and when you will be able to observe an impact on behavior)?

4) Which population or subpopulations will the campaign target?

5) Which individual-level beliefs predict the behavior, if any? What are potential obstacles to performing the behavior (e.g., skills, environmental factors)? See Assignment #3 and Fishbein & Ajzen (2010) for guidance. (It is not possible during this course to conduct surveys or interviews with the target audience to answer Question 5. However, you should conduct secondary research using credible sources to identify the possible predictors of the behavior.) Of the beliefs that you identify through secondary research, which ones should the campaign aim to change, if any?

6) Based on your informed responses to Questions 1-5, how would you implement your campaign? Which channels, message strategies, or other communication strategies would you use? This section does not need to be extensive as this course focuses on evaluation rather than actual ad design or campaign implementation. This section simply helps to set up priorities for your evaluation design (see Questions 7-8).
7) How would you evaluate the campaign’s effects (i.e., what is your impact evaluation design)? Create a figure illustrating your evaluation model. See Figure 2 in Hornik & Yanovitzky (2003) for guidance. How would you measure each of the factors in your evaluation model, including exposure, changes in beliefs, and all other factors? Would you measure these factors before and after the campaign (i.e., a pre-post design), at more than two timepoints, or using another type of design? Would your evaluation methods use closed-ended surveys, in-person interviews, observation, secondary data sources, and/or other data sources? When would you conduct your measurements?

8) What are the weaknesses of the evaluation design that you proposed in Question 7? How would you monitor the campaign to identify its weaknesses early on? Describe the strengths of your evaluation design.

Final Assignment Rubric

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University Policies

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- Counseling and Wellness resources
  o http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/  352-392-1575
- Disability resources
- Resources for handling student concerns and complaints
- Library Help Desk support

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Course Evaluation:
Students are strongly encouraged 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

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All graduate students in the College of Journalism and Communications are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure that they know and understand the requirements of every assignment. At a minimum, this includes avoiding the following:

Plagiarism: Plagiarism occurs when an individual presents the ideas or expressions of another as his or her own. Students must always credit others’ ideas with accurate citations and must use quotation marks and citations when presenting the words of others. A thorough understanding of plagiarism is a precondition for admittance to graduate studies in the college.

Cheating: Cheating occurs when a student circumvents or ignores the rules that govern an academic assignment such as an exam or class paper. It can include using notes, in physical or electronic form, in an exam, submitting the work of another as one’s own, or reusing a paper a student has composed for one class in another class. If a student is not sure about the rules that govern an assignment, it is the student’s responsibility to ask for clarification from his instructor.

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Schedule

Weekly module dates:
The weekly modules start on Monday, January 8\textsuperscript{th}. Each module (e.g., Week 1, Week 2, Week 3, etc.) will start on a Monday and the module ends the following Sunday. Modules will remain on Canvas even after they end.

MODULES

- Week 1: January 8 - January 14
- Week 2: January 15 - January 21
- Week 3: January 22 - January 28
- Week 4: January 29 - February 4
- Week 5: February 5 - February 11
- Week 6: February 12 - February 18
- Week 7: February 19 - February 25
- Week 8: February 26 - March 4
- Week 9: March 5 - March 11
- Week 10: March 12 - March 18
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- Week 12: March 26 - April 1
## Course Schedule:
Overview of module dates, weekly topics, and assignment due dates

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*Assignments are due by 11:59PM EST, CST, or PST (the time zone is your choice).
Week One: Defining Campaigns and Evaluation

Learning Objectives:
- Introduce the course and syllabus.
- Recognize why evaluation is a central part of comprehensive campaign planning.

Watch:
- Provide link to recorded course introduction
- Provide link to recorded syllabus introduction
- Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:

Assignments:
- Assignment 1 – Discussion post 1 – due January 11, 2018
- Assignment 2 – Discussion post 2 – due January 11, 2018

Week Two: Influencing Behavior Change

Learning Objectives:
- Understand why it is necessary to apply behavior change theory to the design of campaign evaluations.
- Conceptualize a campaign’s route(s) of effect as one of the first steps in campaign planning.
- Learn a comprehensive theory of behavior change and how it can be leveraged to plan campaign messages empirically, rather than sporadically.
- Apply elicitation interview methods.

Watch:
- Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:
  - Read pages 1–30 in Week 2.
  - Follow pages 451-452 for Assignment 3.
  - Review pages 457-463 for Assignment 5.

Assignments:
Week Three: Formative Research

Learning Objectives:

- Review various approaches to conducting formative research as part of a campaign and evaluation planning. Approaches include secondary review of literature, focus groups, and in-depth interviews.

Watch:

- Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:


Assignments:

- Assignment 4 – Secondary research – Due February 8, 2018.

Week Four: Choosing Message Strategies for Campaigns

Learning Objectives:

- Practice a highly useful approach for empirically selecting promising strategies (i.e., topics) for campaign messages.

Watch:

- Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:


Assignments:
  • Assignment 5 – Questionnaire development – Due February 15, 2018.

Additional readings if interested (not required):

**Week Five: Message Testing and Campaign Segmentation**

**Learning Objectives:**
  • Identify approaches for formatively testing campaign messages.
  • Compare the advantages and pitfalls of targeting audiences through segmentation versus unified campaigns.

**Watch/Listen:**
  • Provide link to recorded lectures.
    o After reading Yzer, Lorusso, and Nagler (2015), listen to the first 13 minutes of this podcast episode, which features an interview with the lead author, Marco Yzer, and further explanation on evaluating the effectiveness of campaign messages. Listen from 00:00 – 13:20.

**Required Readings:**

Assignments:
• Assignment 6 – Campaign brief – Due February 21, 2018

Week Six: Applying Formative Research

Learning Objectives:
• Review the application of formative research methods in real-world campaign contexts.
• Learn about formative research approaches from a guest expert.

Watch:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.
• Guest Lecture: Alyssa Jordan, MPH

Required Readings:

Additional readings if interested (not required):

Assignments:
• Assignment 7 – Critique of ad strategies (Discussion post) – Due March 1, 2018

Week Seven: Campaign Monitoring and Measuring Impact

Learning Objectives:
• Distinguish between monitoring and summative evaluation phases.
• Describe the utility of campaign monitoring.
• Introduce summative evaluation.

Watch:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.
• Guest Lecture: Katherine Cullen

Required Readings:

Assignments:
• None

Additional readings if interested (not required):

Week Eight: Alternative Impact Evaluation Designs

Learning Objectives:
• Examine a variety of evaluation designs for testing campaign effects.
• Understand why randomized controlled trials are not always the most valid designs for evaluating the impact of communication campaigns.
• Demonstrate an ability to interpret methods and findings in published evaluations.

Watch:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:

Additional readings if interested (not required):

Assignments:
• Assignment 8 – Impact evaluation critique – Due March 8, 2018.
• Reminder that your final assignment is due March 30, 2018. Contact me if you have questions about this assignment.

Week Nine: Applying Evaluation Design

Learning Objectives:
• Breakdown existing evaluations into their component parts, such as measuring exposure and effects on behavioral outcomes.
Watch:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:

Assignments:
• None
• Course evaluations are available on Canvas.
• Reminder that your final assignment is due March 30, 2018. Contact me if you have questions about this assignment.

Additional readings if interested (not required):

Week Ten: Building Partnerships between Campaign Planners and Evaluators
Learning Objectives:
• Adopt a set of best practices for enhancing communication and productivity between campaign sponsors and the evaluation team.

Watch:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:

Assignments:
• None
• Course evaluations are available on Canvas.
• Reminder that your final assignment is due March 30, 2018. Contact me if you have questions about this assignment.

Week Eleven: Disseminating Research Findings
Learning Objectives:
• Explain the importance of sharing evaluation results responsibly, honestly, and with appropriate stakeholders including policymakers, funders, and the news media.

Watch/Listen:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.
  o After reading Matthews (2017), listen to the first 30 minutes of this podcast episode, which describes a researcher who fabricated findings in the initial study on the canvasing campaign. Listen from 00:00 – 30:00 (Prologue and Act 1).

Required Readings:

Assignments:
• None.
• Course evaluations are available on Canvas.
• Reminder that your final assignment is due March 30, 2018.

Week Twelve: Summarizing the Evaluation Spectrum
Learning Objectives:
• Describe the components of comprehensive, well-designed and science-based campaign evaluations from start to finish, including formative research, monitoring, and impact evaluation.

Watch:
• Provide link to recorded lectures.

Required Readings:

Assignments:
• Final Assignment – Campaign evaluation design – Due March 30, 2018.
  Have a nice spring!