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# Request to Assign Faculty Member to Teach a Previously Approved Distance Education Course

This course has been previously approved by a university-wide curriculum committee and the Provost to be taught via distance education technologies.

Course Number and	d Title: MKTG 421	Marketing Research	
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Step Three: Submit signed Request, syllabus, and representative modules to Office of Associate Provost, Sutton 209. List the course and faculty member(s) assigned to teach it for the upcoming semester on Banner. Be sure to use 800 series for section number.

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# Jean Serio

From: To:

"Holly Griffith" <hgriff@iup.edu> "Jean Serio" <jserio@iup.edu>

Sent: Subject: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 1:49 PM Faculty Names for Online Courses

#### Dear Jean:

The following faculty names are listed on the request forms for MKTG 320 and MKTG 421:

Lisa M. Sciulli Charlene Bebko Krish Krishnan Rajendar Garg Varinder Sharma Madan Batra

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me. Thanks for your help!

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Holly Griffith Secretary of Marketing Department Eberly College of Business & Information Technology Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana, PA 15705 724-357-3170

Email: hgriff@iup.edu

The course is divided into two parts C part one includes theoretical concepts and part two includes analytical methods and cases. Part one will be instructed by Dr. Lisa Sciulli and part two will be instructed by Dr. Krish Krishnan as follows:

# PART ONE: THEORETICAL CONCEPTS (Dr. Lisa Sciulli)

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- Marketing Research Process
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Ch. 9

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Versatility, Speed, Cost, Objectivity, and Accuracy

Collecting Information by Communication Collecting Information by Observation

Ch. 10, 11

Communication Methods
Structured and Unstructured Questionnaires
Methods of Administering Questionnaires
Methods of Observation
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Week #7

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Ch. 13

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## INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# Eberly College of Business and Information Technology

# MARKETING RESEARCH

MKTG 421 / 521 Sections 8B1, 8NB, 801 WebCT based online course

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Churchill, Gilbert A. and Brown, Tom J., Basic Marketing Research, Thomson,

South-Western, Fifth Edition, 2004.

Additional Readings: Course web site contains supplemental materials.

There will be absolute enforcement of every prerequisite for course work offered by the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology. The individual course withdrawal deadline date (the end of the first two-thirds of the academic term) of November 5, 2004 will be enforced. You may complete this withdrawal through the computer registration system. A Request for a Deadline Waiver must be sought through the Assistant Dean for Academic Services in Room 208. Requests will only be granted: 1)Acontingent upon documentation of catastrophic circumstances as stated in the IUP Undergraduate Catalog; and/or 2) through written feedback from the instructor noting advisement to the student to postpone withdrawing pending an additional test or assignment.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Three Credits (Prerequisites: MKTG 320 and MATH 214)

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Ethical issues as well as corporate image and responsibilities will be debated. Instruction will be conducted online via WebCT. The objectives will be achieved through discussion questions, assigned readings including text and articles, chat discussions, quizzes, and tests. This WebCt based online course will use the assigned text and supporting materials designed by the publisher as well as other materials provided by the instructors.

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# **Subject: Marketing Research Course**

Message no. 1

Author: Lisa Sciulli (MKTG421LS)

Date: Thursday, September 2, 2004 10:46am

A Marketing Research Course is relevant and useful ONLY for those who are going to be professional marketing

researchers. Do you agree or disagree with this statement. Why? or Why Not?

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#### **Subject: Ethics of Mystery Shopping**

Message no. 32

Author: Lisa Sciulli (MKTG421LS)

Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2004 10:39am

Mystery Shopping is a process where a researcher (or employee of a marketing research company) PRETENDS to be a customer and visits/shops a store/resteraunt and then writes a report on the quality of service recieved/shopping experience etc. Employees of the store/shop being visited are unaware of this observation

Do you think that Mystery Shopping method of marketing research is ETHICAL or UNETHICAL? Justify your position.

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## Syllabus of Record

# MKTG 421: Marketing Research

# I. Course Description:

MKTG 421

Marketing Research

3 lecture hours/

0 lab hours/

3 semester hours

Prerequisite: MKTG 320 and MATH 214 (Or Equivalent)

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- 5. Use statistical tools for data analysis and interpretation
- 6. Prepare client oriented marketing research reports

#### III. Course Outline

# (Each of the following sessions will be of 1.5 hour duration)

- 1) Introduction to the role of Marketing Research in Marketing Decision Making
- 2) Student Research Project Overview
- 3) Problem Definition and the Research Process
- 4) Secondary Data and Databases
- 5) Qualitative Research Techniques
- 6) Marketing Research and Total Quality Management
- 7) Survey Research
- 8) Primary Data Collection
- 9) Test#1 (Includes Sections 1 through 8)
- 10) The concept of Measurement in Marketing Research

- 11) Questionnaire Design
- 12) Measurement Scales and Psychological Measurement
- 13) Sample Design and Sample Size Determination
- 14) Data Collection and Field Procedures
- 15) Non-Sampling Errors and Solutions
- 16) Test#2 (Includes sections 10 through 15)
- 17) Data Processing and Fundamental Data Analysis
- 18) Using SPSS for Data Analysis
- 19) Data Analysis: Testing for Differences
- 20) Data Analysis: Basic hypothesis testing
- 21) Data Analysis: Correlation and Regression
- 22) Data Analysis: Multivariate Techniques
- 23) Communicating the Research Results
- 24) Managing Marketing Research and Research Ethics
- 25) Student Research Project Presentations
- 26) Student Research Project Presentations (Continued)
- 27) Final Exam Review
- 28) Final Exam (Covers sections 17-24) (1.5 hours) (During final exam week)

#### IV. Evaluation Methods:

The course will have four evaluation components:

1.	Test#1	25%
2.	Test#2	25%
3.	Final Exam	25%
4.	Student Project	25%

#### **Student Project:**

Students (in groups of three) will carry out a marketing research project involving a survey design, data collection, analysis and report preparation from a list of projects to be provided by the instructor. Evaluation of the project will be based on the quality of the final report and class presentation.

Grades will be assigned as follows: A: 90%+, B: 80%-89%, C: 70%-79%, D: 60-70%; F: Below 70%.

# V. Required Texts and Supplemental Books and Readings:

McDaniel and Gates: Marketing Research 5/E, South Western, 2002

# VI. Special Resource Requirements

SPSS Statistical Analysis Software (Available in Eberly College Computer Labs)

# VII. Bibliography

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# Pros, adopters benefit from industry evolution

The survey research industry is undergoing a period of subtle, yet significant change. The return of advertising spending over the last year has cascaded into the hands of survey research agencies, but the imprint left behind by the millennial downturn can clearly be seen from the way that spending has returned. Changes in finance, operations and even methodologies, and the way the industry has repositioned itself, gives directional insight into how companies will behave moving forward. These changes and trends are forcing a new approach to survey research—an approach that recognizes varying research needs and blends traditional practices with new methods in order to meet those needs.

# The Internet's Brave New World

The most dramatic impact on survey research has been the advent of Internet data collection techniques. While traditional probability sampling methods such as telephone research took a rickshaw back from the slump, the Internet took the bullet train. Internet research began taking orders immediately, eating half of the other guy's lunch before he made it into the office. Estimates as to the speed with which Web-based surveys are replacing traditional data collection are continually being revised upward. A recent research industry study indicates that U.S. online research spending grew by 24% in 2003, and the industry is now approaching the billion-dollar mark.

That the Internet has changed the way that marketers interact with survey respondents, favoring a more convenient communications medium, is hardly surprising. However, other twists came along with this first element of change.

First, while the marketing research industry equivocated over the Internet's ability to safely and accurately replace traditional methods, marketers started conducting their own validation experiments. They have decided that the Internet, combined with quota-based sampling, does a reasonable job of serving their needs. Meanwhile, in the wake of wide press coverage of Do-Not-Call legislation, American households have decided to check out of the telephone research game-regardless of the fact that the legislation does not apply to survey research. Some Americans still volunteer for phone surveys, but a fundamental difference exists between those who volunteer for a phone survey and those objectively selected through a random sample.

While the Internet's ability to represent the entire population has not been definitively proven, marketers who are interested in examining subpopulations based on specific characteristics have voted with their research budgets. They are convinced that a 45-year-old BMW driver who earns more than \$100,000 a year and is not online is equivalent to one that is. In this assumption the industry may be headed for another "Dewey defeats Truman" moment.

As we await an accredited verdict on Intern et sampling's validity, companies can safely leverage the benefits of Internet technologies in a number of ways:

- ♦ If your organization provides intranet, Web or e-mail access to all employees, you should conduct all internal research online. The ability to author, deploy, collect and analyze data online will cut costs dramatically and provide a convenient and accessible process for busy staff.
- ♦ Begin developing electronic relationships with current customers, and use Net technologies to create an ongoing channel for survey research. You'll never be sorry that you asked for an e-mail address and, with permission, you can have dialogue after dialogue within this low-cost, efficient environment.
- ♦ Consider mixing methodologies. Rather than garner survey participation only from those with phones or only those online, consider balancing your quota cells against Internet usage statistics, giving respondents a choice. Given the fact that online participation can be lower among some ethnic and economic strata, some effective blending of Web and mall intercepts have allowed marketers to look at the entire market rather than the technologically enabled subset.

# In-sourcing, do-it-yourself research

Meanwhile, under pressure to cut costs, marketers in-sourced a number of key research initiatives. They lessened the role of the research agency as the middleman and either outsourced the data collection to cheaper online research providers, or built their own online research operations to manage the task. Indeed, marketing research agencies have realized that once the initial intellectual capital is applied to the survey instrument, they must work hard to add value to the project more from a consultative point of view than an operational one. With such heavy competition within the field-and-tab side of the industry, and with even the corporate market research department itself playing the game, agencies succeed mostly by telling their clients "what it means" rather than merely delivering "what they said."

Finally, the rise of the amateur and semiprofessional researcher has begun. In a research study of American Marketing Association membership conducted by SPSS in May 2003, 60% of respondents said they were not professional researchers, meaning they do not conduct survey research for a living. Classified as adopters, two-thirds of this group actively conducts research. Additionally, 64% of adopters said they were beginners or completely new to research. As the task of conducting survey research moves outside the professional research ranks, we face a number of significant questions:

- ♦ Are academic institutions doing all they can to maintain a baseline of research acumen within the average business school graduate?
- ♦ Has the industry been motivated to develop training and development programs for their clients or are they stubbornly pursuing the all-or-nothing approach?
- ♦ Are the tools being used to conduct research (authoring, sampling, data collection, reporting and analysis) developed with neophytes in mind as well as experts?
- ♦ Can methodologies and practices be packaged in such a way as to encourage off-the-shelf consumption rather than an agency-driven customized approach?
- ♦ Can survey research providers (professional survey research firms) and survey research suppliers (vendors who supply survey research firms with products and services) effectively debundle their activities to create a collaborative approach?

Application Service Provider (ASP) research platforms (most often offered under a do-it-yourself model) have created interest and some trial during the downturn and subsequent resurgence, but haven't delivered a compelling alternative to traditional agency approaches. One of the reasons may be that marketers sometimes want help and sometimes want to do it themselves--but always want to use the same tools to drive the results and analysis into a standardized platform.

# Collaboration is the key

The point is that there isn't one perfect survey research method or solution. Variety is the spice of life and the spice of survey research. The idea is to select the survey research method that will best meet a research consumer's needs, regardless of whether the research is conducted through the Internet, in-sourced or outsourced or done through an ASP.

By creating a flexible workflow between the research consumer and supplier and an understanding of all available survey research methods, a collaborative survey research program can combine all of the reliability of survey research traditions with all of the benefits of newly emerging online methods and practices.

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