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PART I
INTRODUCTION

About This Book

This book introduces anybody interested in learning more about marketing to content and practice activities in marketing. Each chapter suggests readings followed by H5P activities to practice the concepts. Additional readings of textbooks or OER are always encouraged to improve the student's knowledge in this field.

While the sections of various Open Textbooks suggested here specifically prepare you for the practice exercises, we recommend engaging with all the content in the textbooks and OER listed here. If you have access to an academic library, many academic journals are available to you; these resources can provide insights into current research and the development and application of the concepts to current situations.

We recommend this course to anybody who might encounter marketing in their work or business operations. Note that this book is only an introduction. If you would like to study these topics further or learn more about specific areas that may apply to your work, you can continue your marketing education after completing this course. Some knowledge areas you can look into are retail marketing, digital marketing, marketing research, tourism marketing, B2B marketing or small business marketing.

PART II

BOOK CHAPTERS




Chapter 1 – Basics of Marketing

Introduction

In this chapter, you will learn about:

- The four components of marketing are.
 - The four P's of marketing are.
 - What it means to create value in marketing.
 - How to distinguish between market-oriented, product-oriented, and selling-oriented companies.
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Readings

-  [1.1 Defining Marketing](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [1.1 Marketing and the Marketing Process](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
-  [1.2 The Marketing Mix and the 4Ps](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).

Additional Readings

We recommend that you review the first part of the following book chapter before attempting the activities below. You can incorporate later parts of this book into your readings in subsequent chapters.



- [Chapter 14 Marketing: Providing Value to Customers](#) from Fundamentals of Business (Skripak & Poff, 2020).
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Chapter 2 – Evaluating the Internal and External Environments



Introduction

When you or your company are planning marketing activities, it is important to incorporate as much information as possible about how the company's environment will affect the success of these initiatives. This chapter explains why its important to assess the environment in which each company operates.

Analysis of the situations, resources, assets and challenges a company is faced with determines many aspects of the marketing approach.

We also strongly recommended that you conduct additional research and find readings on the application of Porter's Five Forces, including reviewing examples where a company used this analysis for their marketing planning.

Readings

-  [2.2 Components of the Strategic Planning Process](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [1.3 Factors Comprising and Affecting the Marketing](#)

[Environment](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).

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Chapter 3 – Consumer Purchase Decisions

Introduction



Have you ever paid close attention to how you make purchasing decisions? Have you asked yourself the following questions:

- Who is involved?
- How do I find and select information?
- Which influences are critical?

Consumer purchase decisions is a study that combines marketing with psychology, anthropology, and other influences (e.g., society and demographics).

After reading the suggested chapters, you will practice identifying buying process stages and factors that influence purchasing decisions.

Readings

-  [3.1 Factors That Influence Consumers' Buying Behavior](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [3.2 Low-Involvement Versus High-Involvement](#)

[Buying Decisions and the Consumer's Decision-Making Process](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).

-  [3.3 The Consumer Purchasing Decision Process](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).

Additional Readings

If you would like to learn more about consumer behaviour, consider reading the following OER (available from BC Campus):

-  [Introduction to Consumer Behaviour](#) by Andrea Niosi (2021).

Practice Activities

In the following activity, drag and drop the text into the correct zone. For each zone, select the label for the respective step in the buying process first and then assign any actions that would happen at this step.



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Chapter 4 – B2B Markets




Introduction

Business-to-business (B2B) marketing encompasses a wide range of detail and approaches that go beyond the scope of this course. Therefore, you will only be provided an introduction to this area.

After reading this chapter, you will have a good understanding about how B2B and B2C (business to consumer) marketing differs due to different markets and processes.

If you work in B2B and deal with these relationships, you will be able to apply this knowledge and conduct further study into these markets and connections.

Readings

-  [4.1 The Characteristics of Business-to-Business \(B2B\) Markets](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [4.2 Types of B2B Buyers](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  All of Chapter 4 (Business Markets and Purchasing Behavior), starting with:

- [4.1 The Business-to-Business \(B2B\) Market](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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Practice Activities

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Chapter 5 – Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning

Introduction




Segmentation, targeting, and positioning (STP) make up a key concept in marketing. Money spent on ads, commercials, or brochures is wasted if they do not reach the right people (or companies). Therefore, identifying your target audience is critical. Although other people outside your target audience can buy your products, your marketing will be directed at people you believe will gain the most value from your product and will resonate the most with your marketing.

Segmentation and positioning help place your product in the best context so your target audience can access and gain the most value from it. At the same time, these methods will help you understand the optimal position to market your company or product (e.g., low-cost leader or luxury item).

Readings

-  [5.2 How Markets Are Segmented](#) from Principles of

Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).

-  [5.3 Selecting Target Markets and Target-Market Strategies](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
 -  [5.4 Positioning and Repositioning Offerings](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
 -  All of Chapter 5 (Market Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning), starting with:
 - [5.1 Market Segmentation and Consumer Markets](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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In the activity below, you will practice positioning brands with the help of a perceptual map. You are given a perceptual map for clothing brands. Drag and drop each brand into the appropriate spot on the Perceptual Map. If you are not familiar with the brands, do some research online before you complete this exercise.



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Chapter 6 – Branding and Packaging




Introduction

Branding is one of the most visible and powerful expressions of marketing; however, labelling and packaging are often overlooked.

This chapter and its practice activities will help you understand how packaging and labelling affect marketing products.

Next time you are out shopping, look at the packaging of products and see if you can apply these concepts to determine why specific design decisions were made.

Readings

-  [6.4 Branding, Labeling, and Packaging](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
 -  [9.5 Branding and Brand Development](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
 -  [9.7 Creating Value through Packaging and Labeling](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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For more information on packaging, check out the following resources:

- [E-Commerce Packaging vs Retail Packaging: Understanding Their Key Differences](#) (Impack.co, 2023).
- [Packaging Materials Regulations in the United States: An Overview](#) (Shen, 2022)



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Chapter 7 – The Product Life Cycle

Introduction

Every product on the market is in one of the four stages of the product life cycle (PLC). Each stage involves different marketing goals, and, therefore, different marketing activities. While basic and proven concepts (e.g., segmentation, branding, and positioning) still apply, the focus of marketing objectives will vary between stages.

This chapter's activities will help you practice identifying these stages by using examples from your own environment.

Readings

-  [7.2 Managing New Products: The Product Life Cycle](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
 -  [9.3 The Product Life Cycle](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
 -  [9.4 Marketing Strategies at Each Stage of the Product Life Cycle](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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Chapter 8 – Distribution Channels



Introduction

All concepts discussed up to this point are irrelevant if the product or service cannot reach the customer. Even the best marketing campaigns that include meticulous planning of strategy and message, market segmenting, and precise targetting of the most appropriate segment will fail if the product cannot be delivered.

Distribution is critical. It also relates back to packaging in that different channels may require different packaging. Furthermore, many new channels have formed that are facilitated through online media.

Additionally, supply chain management ensures that all members of the supply chain, from producer to end customer, work well together and create value along the way.

Readings

-  [8.1 Marketing Channels and Channel Partners](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [8.1 Marketing Channels and Channel Partners](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).



- Sections 17.1 to 17.5, starting with:
 - [17.1 The Use and Value of Marketing Channels](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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Chapter 9 – Data Gathering

Introduction



Similar to other business areas (or other industries), it is critical to gather all the necessary information to plan marketing strategies and approaches. Extensive data collections need to be analyzed to strategically plan for the future and decide on the best marketing initiatives (and where to spend the money).

In this chapter, we distinguish between evaluating data from:


- Internal systems – customer databases, product performances, inventory, and accounting.
- External systems – primary sources (e.g., focus groups, surveys, and competitor data) and secondary sources (e.g., literature reviews).

Marketing research results can be added to marketing information systems (MIS) to inform strategic decisions.

Readings

-  [10.1 Marketing Information Systems](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [10.2 Steps in the Marketing Research Process](#) from

Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).

-  All of Chapter 6 (Marketing Research and Market Intelligence), starting with:
 - [6.1 Marketing Research and Big Data](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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Chapter 10 – PR, Advertising and Personal Selling


Introduction





Someone new to marketing may assume advertising is the main application of marketing. As can be seen from this book, marketing involves a whole lot more than advertising materials.

However, this chapter explores how to apply marketing strategy to advertising and other communication channels (e.g., public relations and professional selling). Although professional selling may bring back memories of door-to-door salespeople, it is still a popular and efficient sales channel in B2B settings.

Please note that the terms personal selling and professional selling are often used interchangeably, even though they are technically not the same.

Readings

-  [12.1 Public Relations Activities and Tools](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).

-  Sections 48 to 53, starting with:
 - [48. The Role of Writing in Public Relations](#) from Writing for Strategic Communication Industries (Roberts, 2016).
 -  [11.4 Advertising and Direct Marketing](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
 -  Sections 13.1 to 13.5, starting with:
 - [13.1 The Role Professional Salespeople Play](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
 -  [61. The Role of Advertising in Society](#) from Writing for Strategic Communication Industries (Roberts, 2016).
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Chapter 11 – Integrated Marketing Communications




Introduction

This chapter demonstrates why it is important to have all channels and distribution methods mentioned in previous chapters in a consistent and coherent combination.


These channels and distribution methods need to be in line with each other, meaning customers should experience brand characteristics and promotional approaches the same way across all channels.

Integrated marketing communications (IMC) is a practice that ensures your message is clear, consistent, and reliable.

Readings

-  [11.1 Integrated Marketing Communications \(IMC\)](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [11.2 The Promotion \(Communication\) Mix](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [11.3 Factors Influencing the Promotion Mix, Communication Process, and Message Problems](#) from

Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).

-  All of Chapter 13 (Integrated Marketing Communications), starting with:
 - [13.1 The Promotion Mix and Its Elements](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
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Chapter 12 – The Marketing Plan





Introduction

In this last chapter, you will be introduced to valuable readings about marketing plans.

If you have taken this course to learn more about marketing, chances are high that you will attempt to create a marketing plan at some point, whether for your own business or for the one that employs you.

Here you will learn about what goes into a marketing plan, including the required parts, order, category research, and responsibilities of the professionals involved.

Readings

-  [16.1 The Marketing Plan](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [2.3 Purpose and Structure of the Marketing Plan](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).
-  [16.2 Marketing Planning Roles](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
-  [2.2 The Role of Marketing in the Strategic Planning](#)

[Process](#) from Principles of Marketing (Albrecht et al., 2023).

-  [16.3 Functions of the Marketing Plan](#) from Principles of Marketing – H5P Edition (2022).
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