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Social Marketing and Sustainability
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## General Information

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### Unit description

Unlike commercial marketing which seeks to simplify changes in purchasing patterns, social marketing seeks to change strongly ingrained behaviour or firmly held beliefs in a manner that benefits individuals and society at large. Examples of social marketing include campaigns to prevent or reduce alcohol consumption, smoking, drug abuse, domestic violence and unsafe driving. This unit examines how to design a marketing strategy that will move the target audience from indifference to action and ultimately maintenance. The unit uses a case study approach drawing on current and historic Australian and international campaigns.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)

## Learning Outcomes

1. Differentiate between commercial and social marketing, seeking out new ideas and opportunities.
2. Demonstrate awareness of social responsibility and become familiar with the range of issues where social marketing has an impact.
3. Appreciate the characteristics and needs of others in society and understand prospective challenges to social issues including environmental sustainability.
4. Critically analyse, discuss, and evaluate social marketing strategies and use secondary research skills to collect, collate and integrate examples with theory.
5. Apply marketing techniques and theories to develop creative solutions to social problems acknowledging the implications of managerial decisions on society.

6. Demonstrate use of written and oral skills to integrate key social marketing theoretical concepts and to create a coherent and theoretically rigorous argument relating to sustainability concepts.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Individual Assignment**

Due: **Week 8**  
Weighting: **25%**  

- Submission - electronic submission via Turnitin  
- Extension - no extensions will be granted  
- Penalties - 50% penalty for every day late  

What is required to complete the unit satisfactorily - students must achieve 50% overall to pass the unit

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Critically analyse, discuss, and evaluate social marketing strategies and use secondary research skills to collect, collate and integrate examples with theory.
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**Group Presentation**

Due: **Week 3 -13**  
Weighting: **25%**  

Submission - oral presentation during tutorials
Unit guide MKTG309 Social Marketing and Sustainability

Extension - no extensions will be granted

Penalties - receive 0 if unable to present

What is required to complete the unit satisfactorily - students must achieve 50% overall to pass the unit

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

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Class Test
Due: Week 6
Weighting: 10%

Submission - multiple choice test in lecture

Extension - no extensions will be granted

Penalties - receive 0 if unable to sit test

What is required to complete the unit satisfactorily - students must achieve 50% overall to pass the unit

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• Differentiate between commercial and social marketing, seeking out new ideas and opportunities.
• Demonstrate awareness of social responsibility and become familiar with the range of issues where social marketing has an impact.
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Final Examination
Due: University Examination Period
Weighting: 40%

Examination conditions - 3 hour exam with 10 minute reading time during University examination period

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**Delivery and Resources**

**Classes**

• Lectures and Tutorials: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/
• This unit consists of 3 hours face-to-face teaching per week, one 2 hour lecture and one 1 hour tutorial.

**Prizes**

None

**Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials**

**Required Text:**


**Additional/Recommended Reading:**


Articles Related to Social Marketing


Specific Websites for Social Marketing

http://media.socialchange.net.au/planning_comms/guides.html 'A Short Course in Social Marketing', on the Novartis Foundation web site

http://foundation.novartis.com/social_marketing.htm

http://media.socialchange.net.au/strategy/

UK Centre for Social Marketing at the University of Strathclyde in the UK is worth a look. In particular check out their "Social Marketing - A Synopsis", at http://www.marketing.strath.ac.uk/cms/about/synopsis.htm

Other Recommended Reading

- In addition to the required text and suggested readings above, you should familiarise yourself with the relevant academic journals, including:
  - Journal of Marketing
  - Journal of Consumer Research
  - Journal of Nonprofit & Public Sector Marketing
  - International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing
  - Journal of Public Policy & Marketing

Recommended Research Databases

You should also access key research databases available for access through the library. Databases recommended for your study in marketing management include:

- Ebscohost: Academic Search Elite, Business Source Premier
- Wiley Interscience
- Global Market Information Database
- Google Scholar (only when logged in via the Macquarie University website)
- Ulrich International Periodicals (for peer-reviewed journal checking)

Technology Used and Required

- Students are required to use power point, word processing and iLearn.

Unit Web Page

- Course material is available on the learning management system (iLearn)
- The web page for this unit can be found at: http://ilearn.mq.edu.au

Learning and Teaching Activities

This unit employs a combination of lectures and tutorials. You are expected to attend all lectures and all tutorials and to contribute to the discussions that are encouraged in tutorials. To make the best contribution, and to receive the greatest benefit from this unit, you are expected to be alert outside lectures and tutorials for every-day applications of the social marketing principles discussed in lectures and tutorials.
## Unit Schedule

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy  http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html
Special Consideration Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Academic Honesty

The nature of scholarly endeavour, dependent as it is on the work of others, binds all members of the University community to abide by the principles of academic honesty. Its fundamental principle is that all staff and students act with integrity in the creation, development, application and use of ideas and information. This means that:

• all academic work claimed as original is the work of the author making the claim
• all academic collaborations are acknowledged
• academic work is not falsified in any way
• when the ideas of others are used, these ideas are acknowledged appropriately.

Further information on the academic honesty can be found in the Macquarie University Academic Honesty Policy at http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Grades

Macquarie University uses the following grades in coursework units of study:

• HD - High Distinction
• D - Distinction
• CR - Credit
• P - Pass
• F - Fail

Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the Macquarie University Grading Policy which is available at:

Grading Appeals and Final Examination Script Viewing
If, at the conclusion of the unit, you have performed below expectations, and are considering lodging an appeal of grade and/or viewing your final exam script please refer to the following website which provides information about these processes and the cut off dates in the first instance. Please read the instructions provided concerning what constitutes a valid grounds for appeal before appealing your grade.

http://www.businessandeconomics.mq.edu.au/new_and_current_students/undergraduate_current_students/how_do_i/grade_appeals/

Special Consideration Policy
The University is committed to equity and fairness in all aspects of its learning and teaching. In stating this commitment, the University recognises that there may be circumstances where a student is prevented by unavoidable disruption from performing in accordance with their ability. A special consideration policy exists to support students who experience serious and unavoidable disruption such that they do not reach their usual demonstrated performance level. The policy is available at:

http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html

Student Support
Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: http://students.mq.edu.au/support/.

UniWISE provides:
- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops http://www.mq.edu.au/learning_skills/
- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
- The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
- Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.

Student Enquiry Service
Details of these services can be accessed at http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/.

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Support Unit who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies
Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

• Apply marketing techniques and theories to develop creative solutions to social problems acknowledging the implications of managerial decisions on society.

Assessment task

• Group Presentation

Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Assessment task

• Individual Assignment

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

• Individual Assignment
• Group Presentation

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

• Differentiate between commercial and social marketing, seeking out new ideas and
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**Assessment tasks**

- Individual Assignment
- Group Presentation

**Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Assessment tasks**

- Class Test
- Final Examination

**Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate
and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Research and Practice**

- This unit uses research from external sources (see references listed above)
- This unit gives you practice in applying research findings in your assignments
- This unit gives you opportunities to conduct your own secondary research