



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Public Relations Project

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
PRL	3000	21069	1, 2003	EXT	1.00	TWMBA

Academic Group:	FOART
Academic Org:	FOA004
HECS Band:	2
ASCED Code:	080509

STAFFING

Examiner: Elizabeth Dougall

Moderator: Aidan Burke

PRE-REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: PRL2001 and PRL2000

OTHER-REQUISITES

Prerequisites 97508

SYNOPSIS

This course provides advanced professional preparation for students in the planning of public relations campaigns. The course builds on theory and practice taught previously in the major. The course allows students to initiate an original campaign through the stages of research, planning, implementation and evaluation. Students are directed to develop a public relations campaign that demonstrates a concerted effort to build socially responsible relationships by achieving research based goals through the application of strategic planning and the measurement of outcomes. Fieldwork is designed to stimulate discussion and lateral thinking of public relations objectives.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are:

- That students will become familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of key contemporary communication strategies in the context of their applicability to various industrial problems and needs.
- That students will gain field experience in the design, application and evaluation of a project requiring the incorporation of public relations theory and techniques.

- That students will have developed critical skills and a level of professional expertise in an organisational work environment that would be sufficient to justify their employment as public relations consultants.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Research Skills	20.00
2. Program Development	40.00
3. Evaluation Techniques	40.00

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Australian Journalism Review

Canadian Journal of Communication

Communication Research

Critical Studies in Mass Communication

Human Communication Research

European Journal of Communication

Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly

Media, Culture and Society

Media International Australia

Public Opinion Quarterly

Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media

Ball-Rokeach, S. & Cantor, M. 1986, *Media, Audience and Social Structure*, Sage, Beverly Hills, CA.

Bormann, E. 1989, *Communication Theory*, Sheffield Publishing, Salom, Wis.

Fisher, B. 1978, *Perspectives on Human Communication*, Macmillan, New York.

Fiske, J. 1990, *Introduction to Communication Studies*, 2nd edition, Routledge, London.

Littlejohn, S. 1996, *Theories of Human Communication*, 5th edition, Wadsworth, Belmont, CA.

Mortensen, C.D. 1973, *Basic Readings in Communication Theory*, Harper & Row, New York.

Narula, U. & Pearce, W. 1986, *Development as Communication*, Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale, Illinois.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Directed Study	25
Private Study	140

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks Out of	Wtg(%)	Required	Due Date
PROJECT WRITTEN REPORT	100.00	100.00	Y	13 Jun 2003

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Penalties for late submission of assignment; Projects submitted after the due date, and without prior approval of an extension from the examiner, will be penalised at the rate of 10% per working day up to 5 days, after which a grade of zero will be awarded.
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