Description: Marketing Channels

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MKT | 2004 | 60047 | 6, 2005 | EXT | 1.00 | Toowoomba

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STAFFING
Examiner: Kathy Hastings
Moderator: Les Brown

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: MKT1001

RATIONALE
This course examines the distribution of goods and services. Channel management involves determining the most efficient and effective way of getting the product from the manufacturer to the end user. Topics include wholesaling, retailing, physical distribution and designing the marketing channel.

SYNOPSIS
The study of marketing channels addresses the distribution or place element of the marketing mix. The course takes a managerial approach to the distribution problem. Channel intermediaries, such as wholesalers and retailers are discussed. A formal process for the design of an effective and efficient marketing channel is examined. The impact of the other elements of the marketing mix on channel management is considered. Channel management issues such as power and conflict, communication and channel evaluation are also addressed.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course students should be able to:

1. define and explain the concept of the marketing channel;
2. understand the role of the marketing channel within the firm's overall marketing mix;
3. discuss the role and functions of key channel members including producers, wholesalers, and retailers;
4. discuss the structure and trends of the wholesaling and retailing sectors;
5. demonstrate an understanding of retailing strategy and apply that knowledge to real-world retailing examples;
6. discuss the environment within which the marketing channel operates and implications for channel management;
7. demonstrate an understanding of the behavioural processes of the marketing channel including conflict, power, roles, communication and motivation;
8. discuss the major issues involved in managing the marketing channel;
9. demonstrate an understanding of the decisions that impact on channel strategy;
10. demonstrate an understanding of the channel design process and apply that knowledge to real-world examples;
11. describe and evaluate alternative channel structures;
12. discuss the relationship between the distribution element with the other elements of the marketing mix;
13. explain the role of physical distribution in channel management and the need to develop an effective logistics system;
14. identify, analyse and evaluate specific distribution problems and prepare written reports recommending appropriate course of action using correct report format as per the guidelines provided in the revised edition of the Communications Skills Handbook;
15. develop logical, well-supported arguments and provide clear justification for decisions;
16. work collaboratively as part of a team to discuss and apply the case analysis process and solve a case;
17. develop case briefs that are based on logical, well structured analysis;
18. prepare oral presentations using appropriate visual aids;
19. correctly reference sources of information using the Harvard referencing style;
20. communicate effectively via electronic means including WebCT discussion board and e-mail.

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).
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.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES

1. The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete the assignments satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the assignments in aggregate. To complete the examination satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must attempt all of the summative assessment items, achieve an aggregated mark of at least 50% in the total marks allocated for the assignments, achieve at least 50% in the examination, and at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items. Students who do not qualify for a passing grade may, at the discretion of the Examiner, be awarded a supplementary examination and/or assigned additional work to demonstrate to the Examiner that they have achieved the required standard. It is expected that such students will have gained at least 45% of the total marks available for all summative assessment items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
This is a closed examination. Candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/buspolproc.html.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must dispatch the assignment to the USQ. Students must provide proof of postage on the due date with their assignment. (ii) If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of an assignment submitted for assessment purposes. This should be despatched to the USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made. (iii) The Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. Applications for extensions should be in writing and must include supporting documentary evidence. Extensions are only granted in unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances. The Examiner shall consider all documentary evidence (including statement from a doctor, employer, counsellor or independent member of the community as appropriate) accompanying an application for extension and decide on the outcome. Length of extensions: Up to one week's extension (five working days) may be granted if a signed statement with supporting documentation is sent with the assignment, proving that an
unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstance caused the delay, for example unusual and unpredictable work or family commitments. If the signed statement and supporting documentation does not show that unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances were present for the days claimed, then the normal reduction in marks for a late assignment of 20% per working day will apply. Extensions beyond one week are not allowed unless express permission is obtained from the Examiner. Extensions beyond one week are only granted in extreme circumstance because model answers may be distributed after this time. If you are likely to require an extension for a longer period than one week, you must contact the Examiner for advice. In most cases, you will be required to complete an alternative make-up assignment. However, make-up assignments are only granted if you have passed all other pieces of assessment for the course. Medical extensions: In the case of an application for extension for medical reasons, the documentation should include a statement from a doctor stating: the date the medical condition began or changed; how the condition affected the student's ability to study; when it became apparent that the student could not submit the assignment. As a rule, you will be granted an extension for the number of working days covered on a medical certificate. In the case of a medical extension, you do not need to contact the Examiner unless you require an extension of longer than one week. Extensions for family/personal reasons: In the case of an application for extension for family/personal reasons, the documentation should include a statement from a doctor, counsellor or independent member of the community stating: the date the student's personal circumstances began or changed; how the circumstances affected the student's ability to complete the assignment; when it became apparent that the student could not complete the assignment. In the case of an extension for family/personal reasons you must contact the Examiner before the due date to discuss the reason for the extension and to negotiate the length of an extension if granted. Extensions for employment-related reasons: In the case of an application for extension for employment-related reasons, the documentation should include a statement from the student's employer stating: the date the student's employment began or the conditions of employment changed; how this prevents the student from completing the assignment. In the case of an extension for employment-related reasons you must contact the Examiner before the due date to discuss the reason for the extension and to negotiate the length of an extension if granted. (iv) The Examiner will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media. (v) The Examiner will not accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (v) Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the Examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements. (vi) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.

2 Text Books: It is the responsibility of the student to acquire a copy of the textbook as soon as their enrolment in the course has been confirmed. Extensions will not be granted on the basis of the student not having a copy of the text, if the text is available from the USQ bookshop.

3 Course Weightings: Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper.

4 Word Count in Assignments: Students must put the 'word count' for their assignment on the front page of the assignment. The word count is the number of words in the body of the assignment report and does not include the title, executive summary, list of
references or appendices. To grade an assignment a marker does not need to read more
words than the word limit of the assignment.

5 Make-up Work: Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a
course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within
the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete -
Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the Examiner, a
student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of
non-directed personal study.

6 Deferred Work: Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related
reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the
scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be
accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary
grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete
Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred
Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Learning Resources: Prescribed text and materials (see above); prescribed reference
materials (see above); printed Introductory Book; CD (compact disc); and if available,
course Website accessible via USQConnect. Print copies of some material contained
on the CD may be purchased through the USQ Bookshop.