Team project instructions

Web Marketing and Digital Advertising
A. Overview

Students working in small teams (max 5 students) will produce a plan for a marketing campaign, and some associated marketing materials. The written report is NOT a full marketing plan – the focus is a communication campaign.

A marketing campaign has clear start and end dates and specific, measurable goals so that its success can be evaluated. This is a two-year campaign (November 2020-November 2022).

The assignment has TWO elements:

1. The full written report and associated marketing materials should be submitted via email by **December 15**
2. Presentation: the highlights of the report will be presented to the rest of the class during class time at the end of the course (**max 15 minutes presentation**).
B. Before you begin the assignment

a. Form into small teams (maximum 5 people)

b. Read through the rest of these instructions, then select a specific organization/business as your “client”. Please select a real organization/business, as this will give you a focus and context. Look at their existing web presence and social media activities so you can get a good idea of what they are already doing in terms of internet marketing. Do not actually contact the business.
C. Scenario

Your marketing firm has been hired by the business or organization you have chosen to assist them in developing and implementing a new marketing campaign. They are having troubles with understanding their consumers and the customer journey they follow in order to make their purchases.

You should assume that your organization has a marketing budget that broadly fits its size.
Marketing campaign plan

D. Report Contents / Sections

Your report should include the following sections:

Table of Contents

Executive Summary

1. The company / organization
   
   a) A short description of the company/organization: products, target markets, distribution channels, size, length of time in business, market share, main competitors, offline and online marketing strategy, etc.

   b) A description and assessment of the existing physical (where appropriate) and web presence and social media activities of the company / organization. Include information about social media activity (social channels used, number of followers, friends, likes, posting frequency, etc.).
2. Campaign overview

This section should give a “big picture” overview of the campaign. State the overall campaign objective then list the channels that you have chosen for your campaign – physical stores, website, e-mail marketing, social media services, etc. then briefly describe how they will be used. Include a diagram to illustrate how the different tools you chose will work together to meet your overall campaign objective.
3. **Target market for the campaign / market research**

Based on online secondary source data, you identify a possible target market for your company.

Make your own on-the-field market research submitting an online questionnaire through Google Suite [https://gsuite.google.com/signup/basic/welcome](https://gsuite.google.com/signup/basic/welcome) to at least 50 people in target.

This section should aim to paint a picture of who your customers are, what they like, what they do offline and/or online, how they “mix” offline and online behavior, how often they are online, what devices they use, etc.
# Customer journey

## Example of Customer Journey Map for Online Travel Agency

### Stages of journey
- Desire for travel
  - Discuss with family
  - Discuss with friends
  - Read magazines
  - Review online travel sites
  - Get sense of costs
- Explore options
  - Find out about school vacations
  - Find out about family events
- Select vacation
  - Discuss with family
  - Search online for details on top options
- Book travel
  - Book cheapest flight and hotel that meets needs of the entire family
- Schedule meals and events
  - Book a few reservations for dinner nearby
- Travel to location
  - Figure out what to pack and pack family travel information
- Experience vacation
  - Plan for transportation to and from airport
- Travel home
  - Arrange for activities at hotel
  - Keep track of all things that have been scheduled
- Remember experience
  - Pack up family
  - Plan for food and meals during the trip
  - Plan for transportation to and from airport
  - Create digital photo album
  - Send pictures to friends and family
  - Tell people about the good and bad parts

### Customer needs and activities
- Find out about school vacations
- Find out about family events
- Discuss with family
- Discuss with friends
- Read magazines
- Review online travel sites
- Get sense of costs
- Book cheapest flight and hotel that meets needs of the entire family
- Book a few reservations for dinner nearby
- Figure out what to pack and pack family travel information
- Plan for transportation to and from airport
- Arrange for activities at hotel
- Keep track of all things that have been scheduled
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### Expectations for online travel agency

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<td>Compare prices of different travel destinations and packages</td>
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### Emotional state of persona

- Happy
- Sad

### Potential opportunities for improvement

- Offer sample itineraries for family vacations
- Allow searches across multiple destinations, e.g., lowest cost options anywhere in Caribbean
- Provide reviews of hotels from previous families on vacation at hotels
- Explore closing "white space" with vacation scheduling that includes restaurants & excursions
- Develop proactive rebooking based on family traveler profile
- Explore closing "white space" by sending targeted offers based on family itinerary
- Develop proactive rebooking based on family traveler profile
- Provide capability to easily share photos, comments and details of itinerary

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Marketing campaign plan: market research

This section will include:

a) A description of the target market customer journey **FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN**. Include the target market demographics and psychographics in this section.

b) The results of your market research into the offline/online behavior and activities of your target market. Choose two social media sites that you have decided to use explain and justify exactly **why** you have chosen to recommend them and why you feel they will be a good “fit” with your target market.

It is **very** important that you cite relevant and authoritative research to back up your recommendations. Include in-text references and a bibliography.

c) A description and assessment of what 2 of your direct competitors are doing in terms of online marketing activity to reach your target market.
4 Campaign goals and methods of evaluation of the success of your campaign

List the goals for your marketing campaign that your client will use to assess success in reaching those goals. Make sure that your goals are SMART (specific, measureable, attainable, realistic/relevant, and time-bound).

a) Write a goal for the overall campaign itself

b) List separate goals for each of the different channels you are using. You might use a table in the following format to present the information in this section.

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5. Implementation

The objective of this section is to explain your “client” how you want to implement your campaign and what your campaign elements will look like and how they will work. You might do this by creating mock-ups and samples of your proposed marketing materials to give an understanding of what the finished campaign elements will look like and how they will function.
Marketing campaign plan: examples

Campaign landing page
- Describe the structure and the content of your most important campaign "landing page".
- Create a mock-up of the campaign “landing page”
- Write a couple of paragraphs to explain how the elements of the landing page will work, and what results your clients can expect.

Blog
- Describe the aim of the blog
- List the type of contents (videos, images, news, etc.) you want to upload periodically and explain what customer needs they meet
- Write a paragraph or two clearly explaining the objectives for the design of this element and what results your client can reasonably expect.
Marketing campaign plan: examples

Email marketing/newsletter
- Create a sample of the email(s) that you will use
- Explain your reasoning with respect to the timing and frequency of communication with your target market.
- In addition to the sample materials, write a paragraph or two clearly explaining the objectives for the design of this element and what results your client can reasonably expect.
Marketing campaign plan: examples

Social networking elements

- Create samples of the social networking elements that you have planned for your campaign (e.g. using posts, hashtags, apps, contests, paid media etc.) to show your client how it will work. Include text, images etc. and calls to action on your mock-up.
- If you recommend the use of video you may create a storyboard showing the main screens in your video or actually make the video.
- For each of the two social networks you use, provide at least 2 samples (posts / advertisements / promoted posts etc.)
- Explain your reasoning with respect to the timing and frequency of posts
- In addition to the sample materials, write a paragraph or two clearly explaining the objectives for the design of this element and what results your client can reasonably expect.
E. Report structure and formatting

Use Arial or Calibri 11 point font. 1.5 line spacing.
Use a professional business style of writing and report format. Make use of bullet points, diagrams, tables etc. where appropriate to best get over your idea or point.
Do not use first person.
Number the pages
Number the sections of the report (1.1, 1.2, 2.2.1 etc.)
Use Heading Styles in Word so that you can generate a Table of Contents automatically
# Marketing campaign plan

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