#### BMG 85.6 Course Outline as of Summer 2010

# **CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: BMG 85.6 Title: SMALL BUSINESS PROMOTION

Full Title: Small Business Promotion, Advertising, Sales

Last Reviewed: 3/8/2010

Units		Course Hours per Week	N	lbr of Weeks	<b>Course Hours Total</b>	
Maximum	1.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	1.00	Lab Scheduled	0	2	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	1.00		Contact Total	17.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 52.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: BMG 85F

## **Catalog Description:**

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# **Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

## **Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100; AND Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in BMG 85.1 or BMG 85.2

#### **Limits on Enrollment:**

## **Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment: Transfer Credit: CSU;

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# **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**IGETC:** Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**CSU Transfer:** Transferable Effective: Fall 1983 Inactive: Fall 2016

**UC Transfer:** Effective: Inactive:

CID:

## **Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

# **COURSE CONTENT**

# **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe the importance of networking.
- 2. Prepare a first draft of a marketing or promotional plan.
- 3. Communicate with target customers using both conventional and creative promotional methods.
- 4. Develop pricing strategies for products and services.
- 5. Develop various promotional strategies; i.e., free ink, free air.
- 6. Discuss the value of sales representatives and agents.
- 7. Evaluate customer services as a key to promotion.
- 8. Manage a sales force and sales strategies.

# **Topics and Scope:**

- 1. Research and analyze industry
  - a. Life cycle of industry
  - b. Future trends
- 2. Defining roles and goals in marketing
  - a. Description of marketing to consumers or businesses
    - i. Geography
    - ii. Population density
    - iii. Natural resources
    - iv. Industrial base

- v. Market demographics
- vi. Customer behavior
- vii. Market share
- b. Competition and competitive analysis
  - i. Competitor strengths and weaknesses
  - ii. Barriers to entry
  - iii. Product comparisons
  - iv. Market risk
- 3. Advertising, public relations and sales promotion
  - a. Writing "copy" and understanding ad positioning
  - b. Defining public relations and using channels of publicity
  - c. Sales promotion
    - i. Trade shows
    - ii. Coupons
    - iii. Sales "deals" to the wholesaler, distributor, representative
    - iv. Novelities and other promotional products
    - v. Writing and assembling a sales media kit including sales literature
    - vi. Business and social networking methods
  - d. Steps of selling
  - e. Novelties and other promotional products
- 4. Steps of selling
  - a. Pre-approach
  - b. Prospecting
  - c. Sales presentations
  - d. Handling objections
  - e. Trial close
  - f. Close
  - g. Follow up or customer service

## **Assignment:**

- 1. Written draft of a marketing plan (minimum of 10 pages)
- 2. Marketing budget
- 3. Weekly reading in textbook approximately 100 pages total.
- 4. Final exam in essay format
- 5. Involvement in class discussion developing marketing strategies

#### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written marketing plan, components developed each week

Writing 40 - 45%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Development of marketing strategies

Problem solving 20 - 25%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

In class performance of various inter-personal marketing skills

Skill Demonstrations 20 - 25%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Final exam in essay format

Exams 10 - 15%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation

Other Category 5 - 10%

# **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Getting Business to Come to You, by Edwards and Douglas, 2nd edition, Tarcher & Putman Publishers, 1996 (classic in field).

How to Write a Business Plan, by McKeever. Nolo Press. 2008.