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**COMM331, Social Media Advertising
Fall 2021**

Lecture Monday at 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Online
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Materials Requirements:

There is NO required textbook for this class. However, there are readings attached to each week's schedule. Students should finish the assigned readings before class time begins each week.

A digital simulation tool is required for the class. Please access it through the following link.

Mimic Social: <https://home.stukent.com/join/F70-F8C>

Course Description:

This course covers the latest theories and practices of social media advertising. Students will be exposed to 1) evolving concepts and theories related to social media advertising, 2) case studies that discuss the strategies of social media campaigns, and 3) hands-on practices of digital technologies to implement social media campaigns.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Students who complete this course successfully will possess:

- Knowledge of the relevant theories relating to social media advertising,
- Ability to create strategic communication plan on social media platforms,
- Skills to use various digital technologies to implement social media advertising campaigns.

Course Requirement:

Fundamentally, students are expected to attend class on time, and be mentally present during the class.

Pre-requisite: COMM100 & (COMM210 or COMM211) & COMM213. Graduate students majoring in Digital Media & Storytelling or Global Strategic Communication are also eligible to enroll.

Reading Reflections (30 points)

For each class, students will need to submit a reflection essay of about 300 words based on the assigned readings. In the reflection essay, students should first briefly describe the key topic(s) to be discussed in this week, and his/her opinion regarding this topic. This assignment is due by noon on Monday. Students should have it submitted to Sakai.

Individual Presentation (10 points)

(Undergraduate)

The students each will give a 10~15-minute presentation in the class. The presentation should show a student's discovery of a recent interesting social media advertising campaign. The presentation should include the campaign background, the focal issue (targeted market, consumer insights, and creative strategy), your personal analysis and evaluation of the campaign, summary, and suggestions for the campaign. The presentation should be presented through PPT slides (12 – 15 slides) with quality design and a clear description. A video clip could be part of the presentation, but the video clip alone should not take more than 20% of the time of your presentation.

(Graduate)

The students each will give a 15-20 minute presentation in the class, along with a 5-page written report. The presentation & written report should show a student's in-depth research about an innovative social media advertising campaign. The presentation & written report should include the campaign/app background, the focal issue/function (targeted market, consumer insights, and creative strategy), in-depth analysis of the pros and cons of the campaign, ethical considerations and societal impact of the campaign/app, summary and actionable suggestions for the campaign/app, with examples. The presentation should be presented through PPT slides (12 – 15 slides) with quality design and clear description. A video clip could be part of the presentation, but the video clip alone should not take more than 20% of the time of your presentation. The written report should be in PDF format (5 pages) with cover page and references page. All content must be presented in APA style.

The evaluation of your presentation includes the following aspects:

- Relevance of the presented topic to the class
- Clarity and aesthetic design of the presentation
- Research quality of the campaign details
- Insightful personal analysis of the campaign
- Presentation flow and Class Engagement Level

The schedule for the individual presentation is arranged alphabetically. If a change of the scheduled time is needed, the student shall notify the instructor at the beginning of the

semester. The absence of the individual presentation will not be excused unless there is a documented emergency that meets the school policy including religious reasons, athletic events, grief absence and health-related conditions.

“Transparency” is strongly valued in this class. Please discuss, candidly, any issues that might cause your absence in advance with the instructor. Any fabricated reasons or documented evidences would lead to serious academic outcomes in this class.

Simulation Practice and Report (20 points)

Each student will need to complete the simulation practices (a total of 12 rounds) on Mimic Social. The detailed scenario and tasks are provided in the system (odd rounds: round 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11). Along with the practices, students will need to fill out report rounds (even rounds: round 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12) for their practices on the simulation tool as reflection on the practices and results. Upon finishing all rounds, students are granted with 20 points. For top 3 performers, they will be given extra 5 points for the class.

Group Projects (40 points)

Students will work in a team of 5 members and select their own choice of brand to work with for the duration of the class. There is a total of 6 major group projects, including the first 5 group projects and the last final presentation. The following are the topics of each project.

Project #1: Social Media Analysis (10 points)

Project #2: Owned & Earned/Engagement Media Campaign (10 points)

Project #3: Paid Media Campaign (10 points)

Project #4: FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATION (10 points)

Detailed requirements for each of the group projects will be given in class. All group members are expected to contribute equally to the projects in terms of time, effort, work quality, and collaboration. A problematic member may be asked to leave the group and complete the projects individually. It is the group's responsibility to inform the instructor promptly of any problem in the group. Peer evaluations will be conducted to weight students' project scores accordingly toward the end.

*Late submission of the group projects will not be excused unless there is documented emergency that meets the school policy.

Course Assessment:

Assignment Weights

Individual Presentation	10 points
Reflection	30 points

Group Project 1	10 points
Group Project 2	10 points
Group Project 3	10 points
Simulation Practice	20 points
Final Group Project Presentation	10 points
Total	100points

Grading

Evaluation of advertising is often subjective, or so it may seem in this course. However, the instructor has evaluated thousands of advertising concepts in her career and will provide guidance and feedback with each assignment. Advertising awards and "A's" are reserved for exceptional work. In addition to the letter grades (below), you will receive written comments on each test or major assignment.

A 93-100	C+ 77-79
A- 90-92	C 73-76
B+ 87-89	C- 70-72
B 83-86	D+ 67-69
B- 80-82	D 64-66
	F below 64

Course Policy:

Excused Absence: If you need to be absent from class, notify the instructor in advance with documented evidence that is permitted in the school policy including religious reasons, athletic events, grief absence and health-related conditions.

"Transparency" is highly valued in this class. Please discuss, candidly, any issues that might cause your absence in advance. Any fabricated reasons or documented evidences would lead to serious academic outcomes in this class. ***Please also consider this as training for your future work ethics.***

Device Use: Unless explicitly required by the instructor for classroom purposes, no laptop, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic devices shall be used for self-entertainment or interpersonal communication purposes in the classroom during the scheduled time of the class.

Course Weekly Content Calendar (subject to change)

Week 1: Aug. 30 th	Course Overview, Group Formation & Expectations
Week 2: Sep. 6 th	Labor Day – No Class
Week 3: Sep. 13 th	Owned – Managing Brand Identity in Social Media (Project #1 Due by Sunday Midnight of this week)
Week 4: Sep. 20 th	Owned – Social Media Content & Engagement Management
Week 5: Sep. 27 th	Influencers on Social Media (Project #2 Due by Sunday Midnight of this week)
Week 6: Oct. 4 th	Paid – Introduction & Facebook Ads Manager
Week 7: Oct. 11 th	Fall Break – No Class
Week 8: Oct. 17 th	Paid – Instagram Advertising
Week 9: Oct. 25 th	Paid – SnapChat & TikTok Advertising
Week 10: Nov. 1 st	Social Media Advertising _ Content Development Week (Project #3 Due by Sunday Midnight of this week)
Week 11: Nov. 8 th	Social Mimic – Integrated Campaign Simulation (Simulation Round 1-6 Due by Sunday Midnight of this week)
Week 12: Nov. 15 th	Social Mimic – Influencer Simulation (Simulation Round 7-12 Due by Sunday Midnight of this week)
Week 13: Nov. 22 nd	Social & Live Commerce
Week 14: Nov. 29 th	Group Meeting Time with Jing for Final Presentation
Week 15: Dec. 6 th	Final Presentations

APPENDIX

School of Communication Statement on Academic Integrity

A fundamental mission of a university is to search for and to communicate the truth as it is honestly perceived. A genuine learning community cannot exist unless this demanding standard is a fundamental tenet of the intellectual life of the community. Students of Loyola University Chicago are expected to know, to respect, and to practice this standard of personal honesty. Academic dishonesty can take several forms, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, copying another student's work, and submitting false documents.

Academic cheating is a serious act that violates academic integrity. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, such acts as:

- Obtaining, distributing, or communicating examination materials prior to the scheduled examination without the consent of the teacher;
- Providing information to another student during an examination;
- Obtaining information from another student or any other person during an examination;
- Using any material or equipment during an examination without consent of the instructor, or in a manner which is not authorized by the instructor;
- Attempting to change answers after the examination has been submitted;
- Unauthorized collaboration, or the use in whole or part of another student's work, on homework, lab reports, programming assignments, and any other course work which is completed outside of the classroom;
- Falsifying medical or other documents to petition for excused absences or extensions of deadlines; or
- Any other action that, by omission or commission, compromises the integrity of the academic evaluation process.

Plagiarism is a serious violation of the standards of academic honesty. Plagiarism is the appropriation of ideas, language, work, or intellectual property of another, either by intent or by negligence, without sufficient public acknowledgement and appropriate citation that the material is not one's own. It is true that every thought probably has been influenced to some degree by the thoughts and actions of others. Such influences can be thought of as affecting the ways we see things and express all thoughts. Plagiarism, however, involves the taking and use of specific words and ideas of others without proper acknowledgement of the sources, and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Submitting as one's own material copied from a published source, such as Internet, print, CD-ROM, audio, video, etc.;
- Submitting as one's own another person's unpublished work or examination material;
- Allowing another or paying another to write or research a paper for one's own benefit; or
- Purchasing, acquiring, and using for course credit a pre-written paper.

The above list is in no way intended to be exhaustive. Students should be guided by the principle that it is of utmost importance to give proper recognition to all sources. To do so is both an act of personal, professional courtesy and of intellectual honesty. Any failure to do so, whether by intent or by neglect, whether by omission or commission, is an act of plagiarism. A more detailed description of this issue can be found at

<http://luc.edu/english/writing.shtml#source> .

In addition, a student may not submit the same paper or other work for credit in two or more classes. A student who submits the same work for credit in two or more classes will be judged guilty of academic dishonesty, and will be subject to sanctions described below. This applies even if the student is enrolled in the classes during different semesters. If a student plans to submit work with similar or overlapping content for credit in two or more classes, the student should consult with all instructors prior to submission of the work to make certain that such submission will not violate this standard.

Plagiarism or any other act of academic dishonesty will result minimally in the instructor's assigning the grade of "F" for the assignment or examination. The instructor may impose a more severe sanction, including a grade of "F" in the course. All instances of academic dishonesty must be reported by the instructor to the appropriate area head and to the office of the Dean of the School of Communication.

The office of the Dean of the School of Communication may constitute a hearing board to consider the imposition of sanctions in addition to those imposed by the instructor, including a recommendation of expulsion, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct. In the case of multiple instances of academic dishonesty, the Dean's office may convene a separate hearing board to review these instances. The student has the right to appeal the decision of the hearing board to the Dean of SOC. If the student is not a member of the SOC, the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled shall be part of the process. Students have the right to appeal the decision of any hearing board and the deans of the two schools will review the appeal together. Their decision is final in all cases except expulsion. The sanction of expulsion for academic dishonesty may be imposed only by the Provost upon recommendation of the dean or deans. 7

Students have a right to appeal any finding of academic dishonesty against them. The procedure for such an appeal can be found at:

http://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg_academicgrievance.shtml.

The School of Communication maintains a permanent record of all instances of academic dishonesty. The information in that record is confidential. However, students may be asked to sign a waiver which releases that student's record of dishonesty as a part of the student's application to a graduate or professional school, to a potential employer, to a bar association, or to similar organizations.

(The School of Communication policy is based entirely on and is consistent with the Academic Integrity Policy of the College of Arts & Sciences.)

Technology (Info Provided by LUC)

This course will require the use of technology. While students are not expected to own any specific technology for this course, they will be required to use technology to access course content, to complete and submit assignments and to communicate with the instructor and other students outside of designated class times.

The University has provided each student with a Loyola network ID to access institutional resources. It is expected that electronic communication with students will be via the Loyola ID and Loyola's email system, which can be accessed at: <https://outlook.luc.edu/>.

Your Loyola ID and password is your main resource for accessing Loyola systems. The Password Self-Service systems allows students, faculty, and staff on the University network to reset their own network password quickly and independently. Go to:

<http://www.luc.edu/its/services/password-self-service.shtml> to learn more and to manage your password.

Course materials will be provided via the Sakai learning management system, which can be accessed at:<https://sakai.luc.edu/>. It is expected that students will access and submit assignments and other coursework via the Sakai system using their Loyola ID and password. This course may include online activities such as live (synchronous) or outside of designated class time (asynchronous) activities. For online synchronous activities the instructor may require the use of computers with webcams and microphones. For these types of activities, it is expected that students have access to and setup the necessary equipment prior to the online class. To learn more about technology support for online course activities, go to:

<http://www.luc.edu/online/resources/technology/>.

Digital Media Services (DMS) manages and maintains a number of multimedia and digital media computer labs and services across the Lake Shore and Water Tower campuses. Students can visit the labs to checkout various technologies, receive consultation, and access various types of training for coursework. More information on hours of operation can be found at:

<http://www.luc.edu/digitalmedia/>.

While the instructor will provide access to certain technologies and course materials within the Sakai learning management system, students may require additional technology support. The Information Technology Services (ITS) Help Desk provides general technology support. Please note that while the ITS Help Desk provides extended hours of support, it is not a 24-hour service. To learn more about Help Desk services and the hours of operation please go to:

<http://www.luc.edu/its/helpdesk/>.