

# IB2B5-15 Marketing Strategy

**24/25**

**Department**

Warwick Business School

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

Scott Dacko

**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

40% coursework, 60% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

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### Module aims

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environment) and internal analysis.

## **Outline syllabus**

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Introduction and Basic Concepts in Marketing Strategy  
External Analysis in Strategic Marketing  
Environmental Uncertainty and Internal Analysis in Strategic Marketing  
The Concept of Sustainable Competitive Advantage  
Market Entry Timing Strategy  
Building Brand Equity  
Positioning and Growth Strategies  
Experiential Marketing and Selected Marketing Mix Strategies  
Strategy Planning and Implementation in Organisations  
Reviewing the State of Marketing Strategy

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand the basic processes underlying the evolution and development of competitive markets
- Appreciate the nature of both sustainability and erosion in the context of competitive advantage in such markets
- Recognise in general the ways in which both customer and technology evolution can substantially influence such processes. -

## **Indicative reading list**

Strategic Market Management, by David A. Aaker and Christine Moorman, John Wiley and Sons, 2018

The Advanced Dictionary of Marketing by Scott G. Dacko, Oxford University Press, 2008

## **Subject specific skills**

Understand and work with a set of useful and important concepts such as unmet needs, strategic groups, sustainable competitive advantage, risk, key success factors, strategic opportunities or threats, strategic strengths, weaknesses, or problems, strategic uncertainties, vision, product markets, segmentation, industry structure, portfolio analysis, and scenarios.

- Apply these various concepts in a number of specific commercial situations.
- Identify and address strategic questions

## **Transferable skills**

- Analytical skills from analysing complex cases as well as from synthesising facts from

research for the individual assignment, with emphasis on analyses of marketing strategy processes

- Written communication skills from individual assignment preparation
  - Oral communication skills from in-class participation with cases
  - Initiative from managing individual assignment tasks
  - Time management from managing individual assignment tasks
- Critical thinking skills in all the above
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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	10 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Online learning (independent)	10 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Private study	48 hours (62%)
Total	77 hours

### Private study description

preparation

### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group D1

	Weighting	Study time
Individual Assignment	40%	29 hours
Online Examination	60%	44 hours
Exam		

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## Weighting

## Study time

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

## Feedback on assessment

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## Availability

### Pre-requisites

To take this module, you must have passed:

- Any of
  - [IB148-15 Principles of Marketing](#)
  - [IB152-15 Foundations of Marketing](#)
  - [IB2D6-15 Marketing in Practice](#)

## Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
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- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
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This module is Unusual option for:

- UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
  - Year 2 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
  - Year 3 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy