



COURSE OUTLINE

CMN226

Creative and Interactive Advertising

School: School of Business and Creative Industries

2026 | Trimester 1

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay

BLENDED
LEARNING

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This course explores what makes creative advertising effective in both 'traditional' analog formats and in online digital and social media. Building on approaches based on broader behaviour change communication, and drawing on insights from consumer psychology and other marketing disciplines, the course explores the science and craft of creating advertising campaigns across different media. Workshops focus on wrangling text and pictures and honing core copywriting creative skills, culminating in the creation of a multi-channel integrated advertising campaign.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Interactive online learning activities.	1hr	Week 1	12 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Scheduled face to face workshops.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
ONLINE			
Learning materials – Interactive online learning activities.	1hr	Week 1	12 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Scheduled online workshops (Recorded).	2hrs	Week 1	10 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Persuasive communication techniques and their application in different media
- Strategy and the integration of advertising campaigns as part of organisation's broader marketing operations
- Identification of techniques (and metrics) of persuasive communication's effectiveness in advertising and marketing more broadly
- Theories of Integrated Marketing Communication
- Copywriting as craft and science; explorations of creative techniques in copywriting to achieve persuasive effects across print, broadcast media, social and search
- Theories of behaviour change in creative and interactive advertising; action-orientated advertising including AIDA models and their digital/social extensions
- Multi-media cohesiveness and integration: advertising efficacy across mediums
- Professional conventions of written communication

2. What level is this course?

200 Level (Developing)

Building on and expanding the scope of introductory knowledge and skills, developing breadth or depth and applying knowledge and skills in a new context. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally, undertaken in the second or third full-time year of an undergraduate programs.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Demonstrate understanding of current advertising practice	Knowledgeable
2	Demonstrate skill and originality in copywriting	Empowered
3	Undertake the analysis of persuasive techniques in different media	Creative and critical thinker
4	Demonstrate the application of persuasive techniques in different media	Knowledgeable
5	Communicate effectively in advertising industry formats, including groups	Empowered

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of "pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites".

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Early assessment feedback will be provided in weeks 3 and 4 of the trimester in the workshop, with a particular focus on Task 1. Students will be provided with opportunities to get their drafts/conceptual overviews of assignments reviewed, to ensure they understand the task and are addressing the criteria of the assessment.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Report	Individual	20%	1000 words maximum	Week 4	Online Submission
All	2	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece	Individual	35%	1500 words maximum	Week 10	Online Submission
All	3	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece	Individual	45%	15-minute audiovisual presentation, in any medium (Video, recorded PowerPoint, Canva, Prezi) to be submitted together with a written rationale of no more than 1500 words. Additional details and format will be supplied in a Task Information Sheet supplied in class (which will include the required Creative Briefs for the task).	Week 12	Online Submission

All - Assessment Task 1: Analysis of advertising technique

GOAL:	To develop and demonstrate your understanding of advertising techniques, and drawing on the Task information sheet provided in class, please find and deconstruct two recent Australian advertising campaigns/ads, one evaluated by you as creatively ineffective and one as creatively and rhetorically effective and persuasive. This task asks you to identify and detail the key creative characteristics of effective advertising communication, with regard to the overall branding and positioning of the product or service, and the assumed target audiences.	
PRODUCT:	Report	
FORMAT:	The task requires you to demonstrate your ability to critique and identify characteristics of an advertising campaign's effectiveness and/or ineffectiveness, by unpacking what can be discerned about the branding strategy of the product or service, who the target audiences are, and, especially, by deconstructing the creative rhetorical techniques through which persuasive calls to action are made in chosen campaigns. Please see the supplied Task information for details are formatting and submission requirements.	
CRITERIA:	No. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Application and justification of relevant theories, sources and research 2 Critique persuasive techniques in advertisements. 3 Identify and explain communication strengths and weaknesses in advertisements. 4 Application of academic conventions to written communication 	Learning Outcome assessed 1 3 3 1 3 4 5
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Information literacy	

All - Assessment Task 2: Copywriting Exercises

GOAL:	To develop your knowledge of and skill in copywriting in different mediums, you will create and design high-impact print advertisements for a product/s or service/s specified in class (and shared via Creative Briefs in the Task Information Sheet), devising attention-attracting headlines, engaging body copy, and striking and appropriate images, fit for specified mediums. You'll then adapt these print advertisements to specified online or social media channel focusing on more precise audience segmentation. Additionally, you will provide a commentary and rationale to explain your strategic and aesthetic choices and to critically examine your advertisements' call to action and potential efficacy.	
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece	
FORMAT:	The task requires you to demonstrate your ability to develop an effective advertisement from scratch, based on a marketing strategy created in course workshops, clear target audiences and showing understanding of consumer behaviour, branding theory, the AIDA model and its digital analogs and extensions, and the synergistic relationship between copy and images in different mediums, including interactive social media spaces.	
CRITERIA:	No. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Show skill, creativity and originality in copywriting 2 Explain relevance of final copy to set task in the selected mediums. 3 Application of persuasive techniques in different mediums. 4 Demonstrate impact of final copy in the selected mediums. 5 Application of professional conventions to written communication. 	Learning Outcome assessed 2 4 5 1 4 3 4 2 4 5
GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Organisation, Applying technologies, Information literacy	

All - Assessment Task 3: Integrated advertising campaign

GOAL:	The task requires you to demonstrate your ability to play to the strengths -- and avoid the weakness -- of various digital and analog mediums, as you integrate across media to deliver an effective advertising campaign for a client. You will devise a synergistic, integrated, interactive creative advertising campaign across multiple mediums including digital mediums. You will share your developing skill and creativity in copywriting and be able to explain your creative approaches.	
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece	
FORMAT:	In a scripted audiovisual presentation of no longer than 15 minutes, you will share your understanding of the positioning of the product, overall target audience (and specific segmentation of that audience required), based on your development of a 'big creative idea' of your campaign. With a focus on integration and multi-media synergy, demonstrate how you combine 'traditional' analog advertising with digital interactivity, and, if required, both above-the-line and below-the-line elements, to achieve a specified set of campaign goals. In your accompanying rationale, you will provide explanations for your creative choices and overall strategic approach.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1 Show skill, creativity and originality in copywriting.	1 2 4 5
	2 Explain relevance of final copies to the set task in the selected mediums.	3 4
	3 Application of persuasive techniques in different mediums.	2 4 5
	4 Demonstrate impact of each advertisement to overall campaign in the selected mediums.	1 4
	5 Application of professional conventions to written communication.	5
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation, Applying technologies	

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site— Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Nil

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty

From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty

More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](#) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](#) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](#) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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