Course title: International Marketing
Course code: BUSI 3101 SEBS
Programs offering course: Advanced Liberal Arts, Business and Society, Communications, New Media and Journalism Spanish, Liberal Arts
Language of instruction: Spanish
U.S. semester credits: 3.00
Contact hours: 45.00
Term: Spring 2021

Course Description

This course will analyze the problems encountered by European businesses when promoting products and services in international markets. Special emphasis will be placed on European corporate case studies and the analysis of both successful and unsuccessful attempts to penetrate international markets.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Identify how international consumers, agents and distributors react to foreign products
- Explain the problems of the International Relations in business and appraise the necessity of group work in order to get the best results

Course Prerequisites

4 semesters of college-level Spanish (or equivalent) and 3 semesters of college-level micro- or macroeconomics, accounting, finance, management, marketing, or statistics. Students need to have a GPA of at least 2.5.

Methods of Instruction

The course will be divided into three sections: theory, group work and company visits. The first section of the course will focus on related marketing concepts and real-life examples of Spanish firms attempting to penetrate international markets, as well as, foreign organizations attempting to penetrate the Spanish market. The second section of the class will focus on group projects, where students will be designing performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of marketing campaigns for products selling in international markets. The third section will entail a series of onsite visits to companies dedicated to the exportation and sale of products in international markets.

Each topic presented in class will follow a similar format:

1. Explanation of theoretical concepts to create a basis for understanding the subject presented.
2. Application of theoretical concepts explained in class using examples from case studies of European businesses competing in international markets.
3. Group work exercises (3 to 4 people maximum) under the guidance of the professor and the case studies presented in each chapter.

Linguistic Resource Center

It is recommended that students use the LRC

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Homework / Assignments 15%
2. First Exam 25%
3. Second Exam 35%
4. Case Study 20%
5. Classroom Participation 5%
Course Requirements

Homework / Assignments

In class, groups of 2-3 students will plan and present a final project. It will consist of an "International Marketing Plan" based on the commercialization of a product or service USA to Spain or vice versa.

First Exam

The midterm exam will include content from modules I, II and III. The first part of the exam consists of approximately 15 multiple choice questions worth 85% of the grade. The second part of the text will be an extended response question worth 15% of the grade.

Second Exam

The final exam will include content from modules I, II, III, IV, V y VI. The first part of the exam consists of approximately 15 multiple choice questions worth 85% of the grade. The second part of the text will be an extended response question worth 15% of the grade.

Case Study

International Marketing includes five case studies that students will analyze, present and debate in class in small groups.

Classroom Participation

The active participation in class of the students will be highly valued.

Company visit: The professor of this course “International Marketing” and the CIEE staff will organize a company visit for the students in the class. The attendance is totally mandatory, and an absence will be considered a fault. Please see calendar.

Attendance

Students are not allowed to miss class for unjustified reasons. For each unexcused absence, the participation portion of the grade will be lowered. Hence, it will be very difficult to receive a 100 in the class. Please keep this in mind. If a student misses class twice without a valid excuse (a note from a physician in the event of an illness), then the professor will automatically lower the final grade by 5 points (on a 100-point scale) for each class missed thereafter. Students with 6 or more absences will fail the course.

Students should arrive to class on time. Arriving more than 15 minutes late for a class will count as an unexcused absence. Please note that an excused absence is one that is accompanied by a doctor’s note: signed stamped and dated. Travelling and/or travel delays are not considered valid reasons for missing class.

*Notes from a physician will only be valid and admitted by the Program Manager if the doctor confirms that the visit could not have been arranged at another time, or that the student was too ill to attend class that day.

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to act in accordance with their university and CIEE’s standards of conduct concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Use of online translators for work in Spanish will result in an automatic failure.

N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, and local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class: 1.1 Presentation of the course

Program, methodology and grading

Class: 1.2 Start Module I.
Introduction to international marketing. Local vs. international markets

New tendencies in marketing: orientation of the market

**Week 2**

Class: 2.1 Consumer and distributor behavior in international marketing

Questions concerning the orientation of international marketing within the company.

Class: 2.2 Case study RENOVA, identifying new market segments.

**Reading: Case 1 available in Canvas, Module I.**

**Week 3**

Class: 3.1 Start of Module II.

**Sales and marketing plans in international marketing (I)**

Analysis of the internal and external situation. Strengths and weaknesses. Analysis DAFO.

Segmentation, positioning, and differentiation

Class: 3.2 Case study (real example):

The internationalization of the Spanish textile-fashion sector. **Reading: Case 2 available in Canvas, Module II.**

Group work and presentation of conclusions derived from the previous day’s topic.

**Week 4**

Class: 4.1 Start Module III.

**The marketing and sales plan in international marketing (II)**

Launching a new product. Action plans in international marketing

Cultural characteristics. Satisfaction, perception and expectations about quality of a service

Class: 4.2 GLOBAL DISCUSSION

**Week 5**

Class: 5.1 Case study: McDonald’s and the changes in eating habits:

Launching a new product in international markets. Adaptation to new environments. **Reading: Case 3 available in Canvas, Module III.**

Class: 5.2 Final Projects: instructions

**Week 6**

Class: 6.1 Review materials for the midterm exam

Class: 6.2 First Exam

**Week 7**

Class: 7.1 Start of Module IV.

**Distribution and sales policies in the international markets (I)**

Channels of local and international distribution

Class: 7.2 Integration and disintegration as formulas in international distribution
**Week 8**

Class: 8.1  Day 1: Case study: LIZARRÁN: The franchising like internationalization formula.

*Reading: Case 4 available in Canvas, Module IV.*

Class: 8.2  Start of Module V.

**Distribution and sales policies in the international markets (II)**

**Forms of Entry - distribution in International Markets: Association vs. Integration**

**Week 9**

Class: 9.1  Start of Module VI: The international brand equity.

*Attributes of the product.* Components in brand equity.

Class: 9.2  The brand image in international markets

**Week 10**

Class: 10.1  Case study: The value of a great service brand: AMERICAN EXPRESS.

*Reading: Case 5 available in Canvas, Module VI.*

Group work and presentation of conclusions concerning the previous case

Class: 10.2  Review of final projects before presentation.

**Week 11**

Class: 11.1  Presentation of final projects. Dissertation public.

Class: 11.2  Presentation of final projects. Dissertation public

**Week 12**

Class: 12.1  Review materials for the final exam

Class: 12.2  Final Exam

**Course Materials**

**Readings**

- VILLAREJO, A.F. La medición del valor de marca en el ámbito de la gestión de marketing, Ed. CEADE, Sevilla, 2002.