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MKT4412 Marketing Theory and Research

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Course Objectives

This course aims to acquaint students with academic research in various areas of marketing. In doing so, students will have a stronger understanding of the logical and analytical approach that underpins research in general.

The course will start off with equipping students with the fundamental knowledge that is minimally necessary for understanding experiment-based academic research. The later part of the course will involve critical analysis of articles that were published in recent years under leading academic marketing journals. The learning process would enable students to develop the critical thinking mindsets/skills to carefully appraise, rather than blindly accept, a piece of research.

Course Outline

<u>Week(s)</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1 - 6	Foundations RECESS WEEK
7	Advertising/Promotions Social influences Product/Pricing Decision Making Service/Satisfaction Cultural differences
13	Final Quiz/Project

Basic Text

The readings comprise a set of lecture notes and published articles; no other basic text is required.

Assessment Methods

Class Participation	40%
Article Discussion	30%
Final quiz/Project	30%
TOTAL	100%

The class will not follow the traditional lecture-tutorial format. Instead, students will be assessed on their degree and quality of class participation based on their critique of the assigned articles. Furthermore, students will also be evaluated on their ability to lead and facilitate class discussion by formulating thought-provoking questions on assigned readings.

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