

Marketing

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Career Overview

Penn State Smeal Marketing offers an education balancing the timeless foundations of marketing with leading-edge concepts and tools, connecting theory and practice to enable better business decisions, in a diverse and collaborative environment. You'll find courses expressly focused for those inspired to be creative, intelligent, hardworking professionals who get the job done, as evidenced by our many successful alumni.

Careers in marketing include positions in marketing management, brand management, sales management, advertising, digital analytics, marketing research, retailing, and consumer affairs.

Major Overview

At Smeal, every marketing course explores aspects of the 4 P's of marketing—product, price, place, promotion—and their relationship to the fifth "P" of marketing: people. In doing so, students use data to analyze findings and learn how this information contributes to a range of marketing activities including developing marketing plans, product planning, and brand building.

Students may select their own combination of electives, or they may choose courses in one of the following Marketing Focus Areas that reflect specific career paths: Customer Insights (e.g., Brand Management, Digital Marketing, Marketing Analytics) or Sales (e.g., Consultative Selling, Personal Selling, Sports Marketing).

Preparing to Enroll in the Major

Enrollment in the Marketing major is contingent upon several criteria, which include the timing and completion of a specified range of cumulative credits at Penn State. Students must earn a minimum of 40 cumulative credits but not exceed 59 cumulative credits. These credits include required business foundation and related courses. In addition to the course and credit window requirements, students must attain a competitive overall GPA in all courses.



Marketing Major Course Offerings

The following courses are offered as part of the Marketing major.

- › **MKTG 301 (3): Principles of Marketing (required)**
Focuses on customer behavior, product, channels of distribution, promotion, and pricing with emphasis on a culturally diverse environment.
- › **MKTG 327 (3): Retail Management**
Management of marketing institutions in distribution channels from producers to consumers.
- › **MKTG 330 (3): Consumer Behavior (required)**
Application of behavioral science concepts to the understanding of buyer behavior as a basis for marketing management decision making.
- › **MKTG 342 (3): Marketing Research (required)**
Research approaches, methods, and applications studied as a formal approach to problem solving for marketing decisions.
- › **MKTG 410 (3): Personal Selling**
Principles underlying the selling process and practical application of these principles to selling situations.



› MKTG 422 (3): Advertising and Sales Promotion

Understand key decisions, creative strategies, and tools used by ad agencies. Create an integrated marketing communications campaign using traditional and new media.

› MKTG 426 (3): Business Marketing

Developing marketing strategies and programs. The course emphasizes the special nature of the business and organizational markets.

› MKTG 428 (3): Advanced Sales Management

Approaches to planning, organizing, staffing, training, directing, and controlling the sales force in support of marketing objectives.

› MKTG 437 (3): Advanced Retailing and Merchandise Management

Analyzing planning and controlling the retail merchandising effort, including procurement, resource selection, vendor relations, product presentation, inventory control.

› MKTG 440 (3): Services Marketing

Marketing theory and methods applied to profit and nonprofit service industries such as health care, finance, transportation, tourism, arts and consulting.

› MKTG/BA 442 (3): Sustainable Behavior of Consumers, Firms, and Societies

Strategies to influence sustainable behavior considering consumer response and marketing communications.

› MKTG 443 (3): Sports Marketing

Learn how sports organizations market their teams, leagues and events, as well as how major brands market their products and services through sports employing all forms of mass media.

› MKTG 445 (3) (IL): Global Marketing

Role of international marketing in the global environment; political, economic, geographic, historical, cultural conditions; developing and implementing international marketing strategies.

› MKTG 449 (3): Sports Business Market Strategy

Introduces students to strategies for overcoming the unique business challenges faced by the sports industry, especially those pertaining to marketing strategy.

› MKTG 450W (3): Marketing Strategy (required)

Market-oriented problems of the firm; identification and selection of market opportunities; formulation of competitive strategies; marketing policies and programs.

› MKTG 472 (3): Strategic Brand Management

How to create profitable brand strategies by building, measuring, and managing brand equity.

› MKTG 473 (3): Digital Marketing

Management of marketing through a digital marketing perspective and the effects on the principles of marketing. Students will study how evolving technologies are impacting marketing decision including the Internet, mobile, social media, augmented reality, and Internet of Things (IoT). Large emphasis on case studies, guest speakers and projects from industry partners.

› MKTG 474 (3): Marketing Analytics

Introduction to a variety of analytical techniques used for data-driven marketing decision making.

› MKTG 497 (3): Penn State Prime Practicum

Penn State Prime gives students the opportunity to gain hands-on project management skills in advertising and brand marketing in the fall. They may apply these skills in a spring practicum course mentored by ad agency executives and brand managers.

Marketing Highlights

Consider some of the other factors that help to enhance the environment for Marketing students at the Smeal College of Business.

Penn State American Marketing Association

One of the largest student-run organizations at Penn State, PSAMA provides members networking opportunities and an outlet for professional growth.

Penn State Prime

Gives students the opportunity to gain hands-on project management skills in the areas of advertising and brand marketing.

Jacobs Fellows

A Fellows program geared toward students interested in careers in retail-related fields. Students are invited to represent Smeal at the National Retail Federation's Big Show in New York City.

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