

Strategic Marketing

ViaScience from Theory to Practice – Bachelor (6079)

Winter Term 2026/2027
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Application			
	Application submission deadline: Tuesday, 13.10. >>> notifications of acceptance Wednesday, 14.10.	9 am via Moodle 1 pm via Email	https://moodle.europa-uni.de LS Marketing (Bewerbungsverfahren)
Opening Session: Strategic Marketing Refresher and Introduction to Seminar Project			
Prof. Dr. Katja Brunk Joseph Riley	Friday, 16.10. *	11 am – 3 pm	Room AM 105
Individual Consultations			
Prof. Dr. Katja Brunk	Wednesday 21.10. ** Request appointment by Monday, 19.10., 10 am	9 am - 3 pm	In presence or online
Prof. Dr. Katja Brunk	Wednesday 28.10. ** Request appointment by Monday, 26.10., 10 am	9 am - 3 pm	In presence or online
Prof. Dr. Katja Brunk	Wednesday 4.11. ** Request appointment by Monday, 2.11., 10 am	9 am - 3 pm	In presence or online
Prof. Dr. Katja Brunk	Wednesday 11.11. ** Request appointment by Monday, 9.11., 10 am	9 am - 3 pm	In presence or online
Written Examination: Project Paper Submission			
	Deadline: Wednesday, 18.11.	9 am	via Moodle
Project Presentation Submission			
	Deadline: Tuesday 24.11.	9 am	via Moodle
Oral Examination: Final Presentation, Q&A and Discussions			
Prof. Dr. Katja Brunk Joseph Riley	Wednesday, 25.11. * Thursday, 26.11. *	9 am - 5 pm 9 am - 5 pm	Room AM 104 Room AM 105

* Attendance is compulsory

**One-to-one consultations by appointment: every student is entitled (but not obliged) to book individual consultations

Prerequisites

- You can only apply for this seminar if you have **successfully completed a Marketing Introduction** class. Completion of a Strategic Marketing class is not compulsory but beneficial.
- The course will be taught and evaluated **in English**, i.e. all lecture materials, consultations, seminar papers and final presentations will be in English.
- If the number of applicants exceeds the limited number of spaces available, students will be selected based on their grades in previous marketing classes.
- **Attending all meetings in full length is compulsory.** No exceptions will be made and **absence will lead to failing the course.**
- Due to overlap in content, participants who attended seminar #6110 "Topics in Marketing: Strategic Marketing" during Winter Semester 2023/24 cannot apply to this seminar.
- The seminar can be successfully passed only once

Relevance

Strategic planning is a vital business process that links overall business objectives with how a product/brand is marketed. One essential cornerstone of setting realistic objectives and developing a business and marketing plan that is optimally tailored and helps a business to thrive is a thorough evaluation of a company/brand's internal and external environments. The outcome of such an analysis is often synthesised in a SWOT analysis, which identifies a company/brand's strengths and weaknesses as well as identifies potential opportunities and threats.

Conducting a SWOT analysis is therefore important groundwork for developing and executing effective marketing.

In this Bachelor seminar, participants will receive input into how to: 1) conduct a SWOT analysis; 2) how to evaluate the outcome of the analysis; 3) make suggestions for marketing optimisation; and 4) how to present and defend their analysis and marketing suggestions. The company/brand to be analysed will be allocated during the seminar opening session. Students receive feedback throughout the analysis and writing process in the form of individual appointments. The finalized analysis will be presented and discussed during the final presentation meetings of the seminar. This will include a 15 min oral examination and Q&A session for each presenting participant.

Objectives

The Bachelor level seminar builds on basic theoretical knowledge acquired in the Introduction to Marketing and Strategic Marketing classes and applies this knowledge to a practical business case. Participants will have the opportunity to apply concepts, procedures, and theories in strategic marketing. By doing so they will develop analytical skills, learn to evaluate potential trade-offs in strategic decision making and apply strategic decisions to the operational (i.e. Marketing Mix) level.

Participants will:

- 1) learn how to conduct a SWOT analysis and apply this knowledge to a concrete company/brand assigned during the seminar
- 2) develop an understanding of and acquire skills for time management in a research project
- 3) present and discuss the project
- 4) evaluate and defend suggested business decisions

Course Format

This course uses an interactive learning approach. Learning objectives shall be achieved through a mixture of lecture materials, presentations, an interactive forum for Q&As, individual consultations with the lecturers, and peer discussions during meetings.

Mode of Communication and Materials

Communication for course-related matters will take place exclusively on Moodle. We will not answer individual email requests. Instead, we will open a communication thread for general questions in Moodle, where we can reply directly to your posts and all course members can benefit from the information given in our answers. All relevant materials will be uploaded on Moodle (<https://moodle.europa-uni.de>).

Examination and Expectations of the Project Paper

To receive 6 ECTS course credits, you must attend the compulsory meetings, write a project paper (in English), submit it on time (deadline: Wednesday, November 18th, 9 am via Moodle), and present and defend it successfully during the seminar meetings. The final grade consists of an evaluation of your written (50%) as well as oral performance (50%), whereby **both parts must be passed independently** in order to pass the course. No alternative examination procedures will be offered. No exceptions will be made and late submissions will be evaluated with a grade of 5.0. The final project paper must not exceed 10 pages including references/bibliography. The use of artificial intelligence (e.g., Chat-GPT) to write the project paper is not allowed. We will only grade papers that include the signed declaration as outlined in our [seminar paper template](#).

Application Procedure

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To apply, please fill in the application form and add a record of your grades ("Notenausdruck") that includes proof of having completed a Marketing introduction class. We accept records in German or English. If you have a different grading system at your home university, please make sure to **convert** your grades to the German grading system. **Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.** Once accepted to participate in the seminar, we will inform you via email and provide you with further information on the process.

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