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Preface

The Challenges of Teaching and Learning Marketing

Teaching the introductory marketing course creates many challenges for most professors. Engaging and motivating students with diverse backgrounds and different interest levels in marketing requires stimulating and effective teaching and learning materials. This edition of *Marketing: Concepts and Strategies* has been revised to engage and motivate students to learn about marketing. We take cutting-edge marketing knowledge and make it interesting and relevant to students through the use of real-world examples, cases, and features. We connect marketing to the realities of the business world and relate marketing to students' personal lives. One of our goals is that students will view marketing as an important part of society that enhances our standard of living and can be used to achieve socially responsible individual and organizational objectives.

Our experience indicates that prior to taking their introductory marketing course, students believe marketing is mainly selling, advertising, and other elements of promotion. In addition, some students question whether marketing is an important and responsible business function. This limited view of marketing can be overcome by presenting a balanced, integrated, and comprehensive view of marketing in business and society. We accomplish this by focusing on a framework that provides complete coverage of marketing issues and best practices validated by the latest research. Our text is informative and interesting to enhance and create an effective learning environment.

Keeping Pace with the Challenges and the Changing World

In this new edition, as in previous editions, we continue to work hard, listening to adopters and students and keeping pace with changes. Many changes in the marketing environment have occurred since the last edition. Advancing technologies, including customer relationship management, help in understanding customers. The Internet and e-marketing strategies continue to create new opportunities for marketing success. Direct marketing, supply chain management, and growth of large retailers such as Wal-Mart, Best Buy, and The Home Depot are changing the competitive forces. Starbucks' success indicates that customers are trading up to services and experiences that provide enjoyment in a busy world. At the same time companies such as Starbucks are contributing more to society by providing environmentally responsible products and promoting fair trade activities to enhance the welfare of all marketing channel members. Ethics and social responsibility in marketing continue to be requirements—not options—in relating to customers and other stakeholders. All of these changes are emphasized in the content, examples, and boxes of this edition.

We examine the challenges that marketers face in developing global marketing strategies. Many of our products come from foreign markets, and foreign markets represent a sizable opportunity for U.S. products. For example, imported shrimp account for 90 percent of U.S. shrimp sales. Next year, General Motors expects to sell as many Buicks in China as in the U.S. With the help of a \$124 billion U.S. trade deficit with China, this country has developed the second largest world economy in output behind the U.S. China is the largest broadband DSL market, and companies such as Motorola and Intel have invested billions of dollars in China. India's middle class of over 300 million consumers is buying consumer products from companies such as Procter & Gamble and Coca-Cola. These dramatic changes in international markets mean that students need to understand how global marketing

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strategies are developed and implemented in a changing world. We provide a revised chapter on this issue as well as global boxed features, cases, examples, and content throughout the text.

An introductory marketing text must be revised on a timely basis to stay current and reflect up-to-date changes in marketing and the marketing environment. In late 2004 the American Marketing Association finalized a new definition of marketing. This definition is included in Chapter 1 along with a more traditional definition so students can see how perceptions about marketing's role in business and society are changing. In Chapter 4, we provide the new American Marketing Association Code of Ethics that stresses appropriate values and norms for the practice of marketing. Throughout the text we have updated content with the most recent research that supports the frameworks and best practices for marketing.

Building on Established Strengths

Features of the Book

As with previous editions, this edition of the text provides a comprehensive and practical introduction to marketing that is both easy to teach and to learn. *Marketing: Concepts and Strategies* continues to be one of the most widely adopted introductory textbooks in the world. We appreciate the confidence that adopters have placed in our textbook and continue to work hard to make sure that, as in previous editions, this edition keeps pace with changes. The entire text is structured to excite students about the subject and to help them learn completely and efficiently.

- An *organizational model* at the beginning of each part provides a "roadmap" of the text and a visual tool for understanding the connection between concepts.
- Learning objectives at the start of each chapter present concrete expectations about what students are to learn as they read the chapter.
- An opening vignette about a particular organization or current market trend introduces the topic for each chapter. The issues in these vignettes surround a variety of products and services from diverse organizations such as Porsche Cayenne, McDonald's, Google, and Skechers. Through these vignettes, students are exposed to contemporary marketing realities and are better prepared to understand and apply the concepts they will explore in the text.
- * Key term definitions appear in the margins to help students build their marketing vocabulary.
- Numerous *figures*, *tables*, *photographs*, *advertisements*, and *Snapshot* and *Net Sights* features increase comprehension and stimulate interest.
- Four types of *boxed features* reinforce students' awareness of the particular issues affecting marketing and the types of choices and decisions marketers must make.



Tech Know boxes include discussions about the impact of technological advances on products and how they are marketed. Examples of topics include online auctions, cell phone competition, and using color preferences in packaging.



Ethics and Social Responsibility boxes raise students' awareness of social responsibility and ethical issues and the types of ethical choices that marketers face every day. Some of the organizations on which we focus are Burger King, Qwest, and Wal-Mart.



Global Marketing boxed features examine the challenges of marketing in widely diverse cultures for companies such as Conoco, Chupa Chups, and Gruma Tortillas.



Building Customer Relationships boxes look at how organizations try to build long-term relationships with their customers. Examples include Red Bull, Kodak, General Motors, and Dell.

- A complete *chapter summary* reviews the major topics discussed, and the list of important terms provides another end-of-chapter study aid to expand students' marketing vocabulary.
- Discussion and review questions at the end of each chapter encourage further study and exploration of chapter content, and application questions enhance students' comprehension of important topics.
- An Internet exercise at the end of each chapter asks students to examine a website and assess one or more strategic issues associated with the site. This section also points students to the various learning tools that are available on the text's website.
- Two in-depth cases at the end of each chapter help students understand the application of chapter concepts. One of the end-of-chapter cases is related to a video segment. Some examples of companies highlighted in the cases are BMW, Vail Resorts, New Balance, and Finagle A Bagel.
- A strategic case at the end of each part helps students integrate the diverse concepts that have been discussed within the related chapters. Some of the organizations highlighted in these cases include USA Today, Mattel, Bass Pro Shops, Napster, and XM Satellite Radio.
- Appendixes discuss marketing career opportunities, explore financial analysis in marketing, and present a sample marketing plan.
- A comprehensive glossary defines more than 625 important marketing terms.

Text Organization

We have organized the eight parts of Marketing: Concepts and Strategies to give students a theoretical and practical understanding of marketing decision making.

Part One	Marketing Strategy and Customer Relationships
	Provides an overview of marketing, strategic marketing planning,

and implementation.

The Global Environment and Social and Ethical Responsibilities Part Two

Provides an overview of the marketing environment, social responsibility, global markets, and international marketing.

Using Technology and Information to Build Customer Relationships Part Three Focuses on e-marketing, customer relationship management, mar-

keting research, and information systems.

Part Four Target Markets and Customer Behavior

Covers target markets, segmentation, and consumer and business

markets' buying behavior.

Product Decisions Part Five

Discusses product concepts, developing and managing products,

branding, packaging, and services marketing.

Part Six Distribution Decisions

Provides coverage of marketing channels, supply chain managers,

wholesaling, and physical distribution.

Part Seven **Promotion Decisions**

Focuses on integrated communications, advertising, public relations,

personal selling, and sales promotion.

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Part Eight Pricing Decisions

Covers pricing concepts and the setting of prices in a dynamic marketing environment.

What's New to this Edition?

This edition is revised and updated to address the dynamic issues emerging in the current technology-driven environment, and to still stress the importance of traditional marketing issues. These revisions assist students in gaining a full understanding of marketing practices pertinent today and helping them anticipate increasing future changes.

Organizational Changes

- Consolidation of strategic planning and implementation. The chapter on implementing and controlling marketing strategies has moved to the front of the text and been consolidated with Chapter 2 on planning marketing strategy. This should help students recognize that strategic planning is a comprehensive process that requires implementation and control in order to be successful.
- Changes in the treatment of e-marketing and customer relationship management. The chapter about marketing on the Internet has been moved forward in the text and combined with our discussion of customer relationship management. This chapter has also been updated to reflect new trends in the constantly changing environment of the Internet. This allows for greater integration of technology into the discussion of marketing mix elements throughout the remainder of the text.

Changes In Every Chapter

- Opening vignettes. All of the chapter opening vignettes are new. They are written to introduce the theme of each chapter by focusing on actual companies and how they deal with real-world situations.
- Boxed features. Each chapter includes two of the four types of boxed features that highlight important themes: "Building Customer Relationships," "Ethics and Social Responsibility," "Tech Know," and "Global Marketing." All of the boxed features are new in this edition.
- New Snapshot features. All twenty-three Snapshot features are new and engage students by highlighting interesting, up-to-date statistics that link marketing theory to the real world.
- New illustrations and examples. New advertisements from well-known firms are employed to illustrate chapter topics. Experiences of real-world companies are used to exemplify marketing concepts and strategies throughout the text. Most of these examples are new. Others have been updated or expanded.
- End-of-chapter cases. Each chapter contains two cases, including a video case, profiling firms to illustrate concrete application of marketing strategies and concepts. A number of the cases are new to this edition.
- End-of-part Strategic Cases. These cases incorporate issues found throughout all the chapters in each part and require students to integrate the content of these multiple chapters to answer the questions at the end of each case. Six of these cases are new and the other two have been updated.

A Comprehensive Instructional Resource Package

For instructors, this edition of *Marketing* includes an exceptionally comprehensive package of teaching materials.

- Instructor's website. This continually updated, password-protected site includes valuable tools to help design and teach the course. Contents include sample syllabi, downloadable text files from the Instructor's Resource Manual, role-play exercises, PowerPoint® slides, and suggested answers to questions posed on the student website. A downloadable game, Who Wants to Be an "A" Student, by John Drea, Western Illinois University, is useful for stimulating classroom participation. This easy-to-use game makes in-class review challenging and fun, and has been proven to increase students' test scores.
- PowerPoint® slide presentations. For each chapter, over twenty-five slides related to the learning objectives have been specially developed for this edition. The slides are original representations of the concepts in the book, providing a complete lecture for each chapter. These slides include key figures and tables from the textbook as well as additional data and graphics. The slides are available on the website.
- HMClassPrepTM CD. This software package provides all the tools instructors need to create customized multimedia lecture presentations for display on computer-based projection systems. The software makes available lecture outlines from the *Instructor's Resource Manual*, figures and tables from the text and transparencies, the PowerPoint® slides, and a link to the Web. Instructors can quickly and easily select from and integrate all of these components, and prepare a seamless customized classroom presentation.
- Online/distance learning support. Instructors can create and customize online course materials to use in distance learning, distributed learning, or as a supplement to traditional classes. The Blackboard Course Cartridge, WebCT e-Pack, and Eduspace course include a variety of study aids for students as well as course-management tools for instructors.
- Test Bank. The expanded Test Bank now provides more than 4,000 test items including true/false, multiple-choice, and essay questions. Each objective test item is accompanied by the correct answer, a main text page reference, and a key that shows whether the question tests knowledge, comprehension, or application. The Test Bank also provides difficulty and discrimination ratings derived from actual class testing for many of the multiple-choice questions. Lists of author-selected questions that facilitate quick construction of tests or quizzes appear in an appendix. These author-selected lists of multiple-choice questions are representative of chapter content. An outside consultant working with the authors was used to review, improve, and test this edition of the Test Bank.
- HMTesting. This computerized version of the Test Bank allows instructors to select, edit, and add questions, or generate randomly selected questions to produce a test master for easy duplication. An Online Testing System and Gradebook function allows instructors to administer tests via a network system, modem, or personal computer, and sets up a new class, records grades from tests or assignments, analyzes grades, and produces class and individual statistics. This program is available for use on IBM, IBM-compatible, and Macintosh computers, and is included on the HMClassPrep CD.
- Marketing videos. In this edition, about half of the videos for use with the end-of-chapter video cases are new. The Instructor's Resource Manual provides specific information about each video segment. The videos are now available on both VHS and DVD.