

<p>JOUR 4030/5520: Ad + PR for Social Good Winter Session 2018/2019 Online</p>	<p>Professor: Sara Champlin, PhD Email: sara.champlin@unt.edu Office Hours: Digitally via Skype by appointment</p>
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Traditionally, campaigns that promoted good things for society were limited to public service announcements and non-profit work.

However, an emerging trend in the field is for “for profit” brands to take on what was once seen as a “non-profit” message. Instead of hocking their products directly, brands use their platforms to discuss social issues – they might even play active roles or lead communities in these areas. We see (some) brands converse about difficult topics and include them in their brand personas. These are conscious decisions made by brands; some seem to have good intentions. Research shows that it also helps them sell products (if done well and authentically). “Social responsibility” is nothing new in the business world, but the Millennial generation doesn’t just ask for brands to be more socially responsible. They (ahem, “we”) demand and expect this.

In this course we’ll discuss how these decisions are made. Also, we’ll evaluate whether or not this practice is effective or a step in the right direction. You will also have the opportunity to design your own version of a brand-cause partnership. This is an elective course – it’s designed to be (1) fun and (2) offer mindsets and discussions not presented in other classes, all within a short amount of time.

Objectives:

- ☐ Foster an understanding of branding and brand positioning and how these are used to differentiate brands and products
- ☐ Explore how social issues develop and identify needs as described by priority groups
- ☐ Create solutions for social good issues, including the development of advertising campaigns and innovative technological advancements using UX principles

Prerequisites: Students must have successfully completed 40 hours of coursework.

Course Agreements: This class is online – you may be new to online classes and that’s okay! There are specific requirements and FAQs for online classes that everyone needs to be familiar with. These are posted under the Before We Start module on our Canvas course.

Grad Student? We have some grad students in our class this semester! Welcome! To receive grad-student credit for this course, you are asked to complete an additional assignment as part of our course project. It will take time to think through and complete. Please make sure you specifically check out the guidelines below, where your additional assignment is discussed (highlighted in yellow). Please email me with any questions. This assignment could easily be started the first day of class.

Email: This is the best way to reach me (see email address above). Note that FERPA guidelines require that I only reply to your my.unt email address. I try to be lightning quick on email – don't send me a Canvas message. That system is not as solid as email – plus – if I am not at my computer I will still get an email directly to my phone!

Canvas Issues? For the most part, Canvas is pretty cool and a useful resource. But, if you encounter any issues, you can send an email (helpdesk@unt.edu), make a call (940.565.2324), or visit 130 Sage Hall. I will use Canvas announcements to communicate with the class as a whole. Please be sure that you check your UNT email and Canvas regularly so that you do not miss any important messages from me.

Skype. Because this class is online, if you'd like to meet with me "in-person" – we can Skype! I've used this in the past many time for many classes and I think it does the trick to simulate the in-person discussions. Send me an email to set up an appointment!

No Baloney: It's hard to learn in an environment that feels uncomfortable. In this class, you are required to exhibit respect to me, as well as your classmates. I take this seriously. We're here to learn. Should it be determined that you are disruptive, regularly not participating, exhibiting signs of harmful behaviors, etc. a formal report will be submitted to the Dean of Students Office, the UNT CARE Team, or other corresponding committee. This policy applies to violations of the honor code. **This policy also applies to ANY discussion of hate, discrimination, harassment of any person for any reason.** Additionally, it should be noted that disclosures of self-harm or harm of/from others will be directly reported to the Dean of Students Office.

Late Work Policy: The world is run by deadlines. Turn assignments in on time. Submissions after the deadline will receive a 10-point deduction for each day that passes unless stated otherwise. Give yourself enough time to complete assignments in line with the guidelines.

Optional Books: Given the short nature of this course, the following books are not required. But, they are excellent reads and I recommend that you check them out!

- Aaker, D. (2014). *Aaker on Branding: 20 Principles that Drive Success*. New York: Morgan James Publishing.
- Aaker, J., & Smith, A. (2010). *The Dragonfly Effect: Quick, effective, and powerful ways to use social media to drive social change*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.
- Ertas, N. (2017). *Free Range Brands: Join the new breed of agile brands*. Chicago: Stone Road Publishing.
- LeBlanc, A.N. (2004). *Random Family: Love, drugs, trouble, and coming of age in the Bronx*. Scribner.
- Wheeler, A. (2006). *Designing Brand Identity*. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons.

Course Outline

Before We Start

In our course, under the “Before You Start” Module, there is a list of helpful resources and such to get you started. The purpose is to ensure everyone is on the same page and ready to roll! Please be sure to give all of those a thorough read so you are “set up” for the course.

Week 1: How Strong Brands are Built

Opens Monday, 12/17 at 9:00 AM

To get started, we need to cover how brands are built from the ground up. This will give us context and a better understanding of why brands incorporate social issues into their positioning and brand strategy. It seems like some of this should go without saying – but – this is not the case for many agencies and firms. MANY professionals are behind the times. They live in the past. To add, a focus on the “brand” itself can get lost in the shuffle of day-to-day deadlines. The purpose of this to explore what brands are doing to stay relevant in 2019. (I should add “if anything” for some...yikes!). We will also discuss brand responsibility (in general), how it differs from non-profit efforts, and your thoughts on this communication practice.

This week you will:

- 1.) Discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly when it comes to branding concepts
- 2.) Perform a guided brand audit
- 3.) Evolve brands using brand personality and brand archetypes
- 4.) Assess the brand's current engagement efforts
- 5.) Evaluate potential for brand-cause fit options

2 Assignments, 1 Discussion Board (225 points)

All due by Friday, 12/21 at 11:59 PM

Project #1

The Commodification of Social Issues

Femvertising – What is it? Does it work?

(see extended guidelines on Canvas), 150 points

Begins 12/17 – Due 1/2 by 11:59 PM

Week 2: Going In-Depth on Social Issues

Opens Wednesday, 1/2 at 9:00 AM

One key element to making an authentic brand/cause partnership is to actually understand the social issue you're working with. This cannot be or feel empty. When brands try to adopt a concept as their own without trying to *really* understand it, the brand does more harm than good. With this in mind, social issues, and how they develop/exist, can be challenging to thoroughly understand. This week we'll look at a few theories and social issues to explain further.

This week you will:

- 1.) Respond to the concept of a social issue web and frameworks
- 2.) Perform a depth dive on a social issue using tactics from community program planning
- 3.) Design a focused message based on exploration of an issue (texting and driving)

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All due by Friday, 1/4 at 11:59 PM

Project #2

Brand Responsibility Exploration

(see extended guidelines on Canvas), 200 points

Begins 1/2 – Due 1/11 by 11:59 PM

Week 3: Constructing User Experiences

Opens Monday, 1/7 at 9:00 AM

Now that we've learned about social issues, it's time to do something about it. This week is all about creating experiences that help people. More is demanded from brands and communication professionals in today's world. This week, we'll go beyond paper and media and bring in elements of interactivity and involvement.

This week you will:

- 1.) Compare and contrast user experiences
- 2.) Design an experience that's truly "user-centered"
- 3.) Evaluate innovations and apply creative design thinking to develop new ideas

2 Assignments (200 points)

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If you are a Grad Student:

To receive grad credit for this course, we ask that you write a 5-page (does not count references) research paper, outlining the existing research on a social issue or topic.

This can be any social issue or topic of your choosing and can be submitted alongside your Project #2, where you may choose any topic of focus.

The literature review should cover what is known about your social issue and an analysis of any efforts already being made to support or solve this problem.

For example, if you're working with initiatives to support mental health such as encouraging others to seek help for depression – analyze the existing literature on depression, point to any gaps in this literature.

Then, look for any campaigns or programs that exist in the peer-reviewed literature and in practice (e.g. advertisements, public service announcements, corporate initiatives, etc.) – please provide an appendix that showcases these examples.

This paper should have at least 10 peer-reviewed journal article citations (a thorough literature review will likely have more). Please use APA-style citations when writing this paper. With this in mind, the paper should have both in-text and end-of-text (a bibliography/source list) citations.

Please reach out with any questions you have.

Below is content from our department.

I am required to post this content in my syllabus:

See the green highlighted column? Follow that – ignore the other parts.

FYI – while you will know your grade for this course, your GPA and such will not be updated until the end of the spring semester (much like summer classes, see below)

Deadline	Regular AcademicSession	3W1 WinterSession	8W1	8W2
Classes Begin	Jan 14	Dec 17	Jan 14	Mar 18
Census	Jan 28	Dec 18	Jan 22	Mar 25
Beginning this date a student may drop a course with a grade of W by completing the Request to Drop Class form and submitting it to the Registrar's	Jan 29	Dec 19	Jan 23	Mar 26

Office. See link for complete instructions Dropping a Class .				
Last day for change in pass/no pass status	Feb 22	Dec 20	Feb 1	Apr 5
Last day for a student to drop a course.	Apr 1	Jan 7	Feb 18	Apr 22
Beginning this date, a student who qualifies may request an Incomplete, with a grade of I.	Apr 8	Jan 8	Feb 18	Apr 22
Last day to withdraw (drop all classes). Grades of W are assigned.	Apr 19	Jan 7	Mar 1	May 3
Last Regular Class Meeting	May 2	Jan 10	Mar 7	May 9
Final Exams	May 4 - 10	Jan 11	Mar 8	May 10
End of term	May 10	May 10	May 10	May 10

FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (GRAD STUDENTS, SEE YELLOW HIGHLIGHT BELOW)

JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

JOURNALISM COURSE REGISTRATION

* Registration will begin on the dates noted in the schedule of classes each semester. The system is a live, first come/first serve program.

* By registering for this course, you are stating that you have taken the required prerequisites according to your catalog year and major/minor status. If the instructor later determines that you haven't taken and passed these requirements, then you may be dropped at any point in the semester. If you have questions about your prerequisites, please see an advisor.

* A journalism major enrolled in any restricted 3000 and 4000 level classes must have taken and passed the GSP test, all foundational courses, and Math 1680/1681. Students must earn and maintain a 2.5 UNT and/or overall GPA (depending upon catalog year) to be eligible for major-level courses.

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FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) UNDERGRADUATES

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per semester. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose financial aid eligibility.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so has the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. Please visit <http://financialaid.unt.edu/satisfactory-academic-progress-requirements> for more information about financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress. It may be wise for you to schedule a meeting with your MSOJ academic advisor or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course before doing so.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

All first-time-in-college students at UNT are required to schedule an appointment with their Academic Advisor and receive an advising code to register for classes both fall and spring semesters of the first year in college. ALL students should meet with their Academic Advisor at least one time per long semester (Fall & Spring). It is important to update your degree plan on a regular basis to ensure that you are on track for a timely graduation.

* It is imperative that students have paid for all enrolled classes. Please check your online schedule daily through late registration to ensure you have not been dropped for non-payment of any amount. Students unknowingly have been dropped from classes for various reasons such as financial aid, schedule change

fees, parking fees, etc. MSOJ will not be able to reinstate students for any reason after late registration, regardless of situation. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all payments have been made.

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INSERT APPROPRIATE SUMMER SESSION CALENDAR HERE.

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ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or exams; dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor, the acquisition of tests or other material belonging to a faculty member, dual submission of a paper or project, resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the

instructors, or any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. Plagiarism includes the paraphrase or direct quotation of published or unpublished works without full and clear acknowledgment of the author/source. Academic dishonesty will bring about disciplinary action which may include expulsion from the university. This is explained in the UNT Student Handbook. Individual faculty should include penalties for academic dishonesty in their courses here.

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FINAL EXAM POLICY

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

As you know, your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs within the my.unt.edu site www.my.unt.edu. If you do not regularly check EagleConnect or link it to your favorite e-mail account, please so do, as this is where you learn about job and internship opportunities, MSOJ events, scholarships, and other important information. The website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward your email: <http://eagleconnect.unt.edu/>

COURSES IN A BOX

Any MSOJ equivalent course from another university must receive prior approval from the MSOJ academic advisor to insure that all MSOJ degree plan requirements are met. For example, courses that are taken online or from a program that offers course material via CD, booklet, or other manner of correspondence must have prior advisor approval.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR F-1 STUDENTS TAKING DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in

advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in multiple on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:

- (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
- (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Advising Office. The UNT International Advising Office has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, students should contact the UNT International Advising Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email international@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

DROPPING AN ONLINE COURSE

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If approved, the instructor will contact the MSOJ Undergraduate Office in GAB 102 where you may obtain a signed drop form. It is your responsibility to turn in the completed drop slip to the UNT Registrar's office before the deadline to make sure you have been dropped from the course with a "W". If you are taking only online courses and your instructor approves the drop, please contact the MSOJ head advisor for instructions.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION & PROCEDURES

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify you with critical information in an event of emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). The system sends voice messages (and text messages upon permission) to the phones of all active faculty staff, and students. Please make certain to update your phone numbers at www.my.unt.edu. Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 1) ensuring you know the evacuation routes and severe weather shelter areas, determining how you will contact family and friends if phones are temporarily unavailable, and identifying where you will go if you need to evacuate the Denton area suddenly. In the event of a university closure, your instructor will communicate with you through Blackboard regarding assignments, exams, field trips, and other items that may be impacted by the closure.

STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF TEACHING (SPOT)

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The short SPOT survey will be made available as follows to provide you with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. For the winter 2019 semester sessions you will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Please look for the email in your

UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete your survey. Once you complete the survey you will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the spot website at www.spot.unt.edu or email spot@unt.edu.

Acceptable Student Behavior:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether

the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.deanofstudents.unt.edu

SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARRASSMENT, & ASSAULT

UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0. Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT's Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

STATEMENTS OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Statement of Student Learning Outcomes, UNT Mayborn School of Journalism

Since 1969, the UNT Department of Journalism (Mayborn School of Journalism effective September 1, 2009) has been accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. This national accreditation also extends to the Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism, the only accredited professional master's program in Texas. About one-fourth of all journalism and mass communication programs in the United States are accredited by ACEJMC. National accreditation enhances your education here, because it certifies that the department and graduate institute adhere to many standards established by the council. Among these standards are student learning outcomes, covered by journalism courses in all sequences.

This course, JOUR 4030 will help to meet the student learning outcomes that have been checked by your professor, Dr. Sara Champlin.

Each graduate must:

- > Understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images and information
- > Think critically, creatively and independently
- > Conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the communications professions in which they work

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

As you know, your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs within the my.unt.edu site www.my.unt.edu. If you do not regularly check EagleConnect or link it to your favorite e-mail account, please so do, as this is where you learn about job and internship opportunities, MSOJ events, scholarships, and other important information. The website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward your email: <http://eagleconnect.unt.edu/>

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR F-1 STUDENTS TAKING DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in multiple on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:

- (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
- (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Advising Office. The UNT International Advising Office has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, students should contact the UNT International Advising Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email international@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION & PROCEDURES

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify you with critical information in an event of emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). The system sends voice messages (and text messages upon permission) to the phones of all active faculty staff, and students. Please make certain to update your phone numbers at www.my.unt.edu. Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 1) ensuring you know the evacuation routes and severe weather shelter areas, determining how you will contact family and friends if phones are temporarily unavailable, and identifying where you will go if you need to evacuate the Denton area suddenly. In the event of a university closure, your instructor will communicate with you through Blackboard regarding assignments, exams, field trips, and other items that may be impacted by the closure.

STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF TEACHING (SPOT)

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The short SPOT survey will be made available as follows to provide you with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. For the winter 2018 semester sessions you will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Please look for the email in your UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete your survey. Once you complete the survey you will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the spot website at www.spot.unt.edu or email spot@unt.edu.

Acceptable Student Behavior:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.deanofstudents.unt.edu

SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARRASSMENT, & ASSAULT

UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources_0. Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT's Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students' office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

STATEMENTS OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Statement of Student Learning Outcomes, UNT Mayborn School of Journalism

Since 1969, the UNT Department of Journalism (Mayborn School of Journalism effective September 1, 2009) has been accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. This national accreditation also extends to the Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism, the only accredited professional master's program in Texas. About one-fourth of all journalism and mass communication programs in the United States are accredited by ACEJMC. National accreditation enhances your education here, because it certifies that the department and graduate institute

adhere to many standards established by the council. Among these standards are student learning outcomes, covered by journalism courses in all sequences.

This course, JOUR 5520 will help to meet the student learning outcomes that have been checked by your professor, Dr. Sara Champlin.

Each graduate must:

- > Understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images and information
- > Think critically, creatively and independently
- > Conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the communications professions in which they work