Maddie's Fund® Instructor-Led Online Course

Marketing Communications 101: The Essentials DRAFT Syllabus



Instructor:

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Virtual Classes and Preparation

Complete FUNdamentals of Marketing (self-paced course)

Class 1: GETTING STARTED (3/7)

- Course Introduction
- Breakout rooms
- Identifying Challenges & Strengths
 - o Intro to SOAR
 - o Resources
 - Community Perceptions
 - Community needs
- Final project overview
- Q&A
- Homework: Create a SOAR Analysis and post it to the chat.

Class 2: AUDIENCE-CENTERED MARKETING (3/14)

- Check-in
- Guest Speaker: Chelsea Jones, Senior Communications Specialist, Animal Welfare League of Arlington
 - Value of audience-driven marketing
 - Marketing as a form of customer service
 - Collaborating with program/operations team members
- Homework: Identify 3 audience segments for your program and create associated marketing profiles for each. Upload completed assignment to the chat.

Class 3: MESSAGES THAT STICK (3/21)

- Check-in
- Group Discussion Words Matter: Jargon vs. plain language
- Presentation: Connection-Driven Communications
 - o Messages
 - Calls to Action
 - Photos + Video as Storytelling Tools
- Activity/Homework: Create a content plan, including messages, core calls to action, and imagery options.

Class 4: PLATFORMS FOR CONNECTION (3/28)

- Check-in
- Guest Speaker: Lynette Bodmer, Community Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator, League City Animal Control on taking a multimedia approach to marketing
- Activity/Homework: Identify the digital and traditional marketing platforms that best fit

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your identified audiences and a content strategy for each.

Class 5: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER (4/4)

- Check-in
- Guest Speaker: Tori Fugate, Chief Communications Officer at KC Pet Project on marketing planning in action and tools to stay organized.
- Review of final project and individualized problem-solving
- Homework: Final project, due in 1 week on 4/11/24