



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

## MRK 2502 Pricestrategy

### Program

Bachelor in Retail Management (2. year), Bachelor of Science in Marketing (3. year)

### Responsible for the course

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### Department

Department of Marketing

### Term

According to study plan

### ECTS Credits

6

### Language of instruction

Norwegian

Price has become an important decision factor in retailing. The market has changed recently, and “hard discount” chains such as Lidel and Hypermarkets, such as Smart Club, emphasises price in their marketing. It has also become easier to compare prices through using search engines at the Internet, e.g. [www.mysinmon.com](http://www.mysinmon.com). Different auction systems like ebay or priceline.com is also based on price as decision criteria. Another example is that branding uses price premium as one of their core arguments, even that it is difficult to decide the size of this increase in price. At the same time we know that very small price changes can result in large changes in sale. Price strategies have a large effect on earning in the trade and retail management.

### Objective

This pricing course has a marketing focus. This means that the main goal with this course is to learn the students' basic understanding on how the consumers in a market react on different prices and numbers. The course will also give an introduction to different price strategies for companies, in addition to some basic principles on how small price changes can affect a companies sales and earnings.

### Prerequisites

MRK 2714 Marketing or similar.

### Compulsory literature

#### Books:

Nagle, Thomas T. and John E. Hogan. 2006. The strategy and tactics of pricing: a guide to growing more profitably. 4th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson/Prentice Hall

### Recommended literature

#### Course outline

##### Part 1 - Psychological pricing

- Strategic management of price decisions
- Consumers psychological perceptions of prices
- Measuring perceived prices and price sensitivity

##### Part 2 - Price strategies

- The role of price in the marketing mix
- Price strategies
- Principles and rules for segmented pricing
- Price in channels
- Competitors and price wars
- Price under bidding and negotiations
- Internet and prices

##### Part 3 - Economic consequences

- The role of price for a company's competitive advantage
- The role of costs when deciding prices
- Basic cost-benefit analysis for different price alternatives

### Computer-based tools

None

**Course structure**

The course consists of 36 lecturing hours, combined by lectures, and casework in small groups.

**Evaluation**

A four- hour individual written exam.

**Evaluation code(s)**

MRK 25021 Pricestrategy – written exam, counts 100% for grading in the course MRK 2502, 6 credits.

**Aids at the examination**

BI-approved exam calculator. Exam aids at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student handbook. Please note use of calculator and dictionary. <http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/exam aids>

**Makeup exam**

The next time the course is offered.