



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

BIK 3707 Social Media

Programme

Single courses

Responsible for the course

Department

Department of Marketing

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

7,5

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

The media-marketplace, with its traditional communication pattern is faced with drastic change. Social networks as Facebook, Twitter and blogs create new arenas for political, social and opinion exchange, where the future for this online social communication have been for tolled an important democratic role in the modern society.

Social network have shaped new social environments and possibilities for sharing information, knowledge and experiences in a wider extent than previous noted. This provides the foundation for possibilities and challenges for brands, companies, organizations, political parties and other stakeholders that have a profound interest in reputation- and communication management. In this new media scene it's important to understand the requirement behind the methods of efficient and trustworthy communication with your key interest segment.

Learning outcome

Learning objectives

Students in this course should after participation achieved the following objectives:

Knowledge objectives

- To understand what social media is and how the new media-market change the premises for communication
- Create a understanding for central key motivators behind user involvement and dialog in social networks
- Understand that dialog is important for the target audience, how this dialog lay the foundation for success in social media
- To broaden the understanding behind the interaction between new and traditional media

Expected skill objectives

- Be able to create good and efficient communication through social media, with a focus on high quality content
- Be able to account and discuss how online social environments and online activity can strengthen the democratic participation and change a potential power stronghold
- Be able to pinpoint the changing features of political communication, as a product of increased participation in social media
- Be able to account for traditional and social medias strengths and weaknesses in regards to communication and marketing. Besides, be able to identify different strategies that build on each medias strengths and weaknesses to create communication synergies.

Attitudinal objective

The students should be able to openly reflect upon the transparency behind communications core values. Besides, the students should be able to see that dialog is a prerequisite behind creating value for the communicator.

Prerequisites

Compulsory reading

Books:

Li, Charlene and Josh Bernoff. 2011. Groundswell : winning in a world transformed by social technologies. Expanded and rev. ed. Harvard Business Press. 224 sider

Articles:

Pensum vil bli supplert med artikler som studentene skal kunne laste ned fra nettet.

Recommended reading**Books:**

Dalen, Ove. 2009. Effektiv nettskriving. Cappelen akademisk. 248 sider

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Course outline

- Change in the media-market
- Social media as a phenomenon and its political role in the development of democracy
- Social media as a operational- and communication-form
- Social media, formation of opinions and the digital public-sphere
- Platforms, characteristics and properties
- Social media and marketing
- Strategy in social media:
 - o Listen
 - o Talk
 - o Excite
 - o Facilitate (CSR/ service/ support/ feedback)
 - o Innovate
- Roles, law and privacy act in social media
- Social media and authority- changed power-structures
- Organizational culture and ethical problems in social media
- Return of investment (ROI) in social media

Computer-based tools**Learning process and workload****Time effort**

Activity	Hours
Participation in lecture	40
Preparation to lecture /reading literature	140
Write blog-posts	20
Recommended allocated time-effort	200

Resource allocation

Lecturing 40 hours

Commenting on classmates blog-posts 5 hours.

Examination

Project assignment that is solved individually or in groups of three (3) students. The project should appear as a plan of communication-measures in social media, which should help achieve one or numerous market goals. In addition, each student must hand in a self-declaration that shortly summarizes the learning-dividend in regards to the course outline, with a personal grade justification.

Examination code(s)

BIK 37071- The project assignment and self-declaration account for 100% of the grade.

Examination support materials

All

Re-sit examination

Re-sit at the next ordinary exam.

Additional information

