CF: Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing and Management (MPS)

CF 505 — Innovations in the Development of the Beauty Industry
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
Students will be given the historical, sociological, and socio-economic perspectives of the development of the beauty industry from ancient times through the present day, with emphasis on the 20th century. Particular attention will be given to events that evolved beauty culture, the adaptation of beauty products and ornamentation through different cultures, product and market innovations that changed beauty habits and rituals, and the contributions of other design arts to the packaging, merchandising, and product development of the beauty industry. Individual companies that shaped the modern industry and innovators in the beauty and fragrance industry will be profiled.

CF 510 — Cosmetic Product Innovation
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
This course will provide students with the knowledge of how cosmetics are created and manufactured for the marketplace. Students will study both natural and synthetic raw materials used in the manufacture of cosmetics. They will evaluate the marketability of cosmetics, and will be provided with a cosmetics vocabulary.

CF 513 — Corporate Finance for Managers
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
Students learn to recognize, read, analyze, and interpret financial statements (income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements), all within an international business context. Emphasis is placed on the importance of planning and control to the organization’s success. The financial planning function is viewed from two perspectives: distribution channel and product category.

CF 514 — Fragrance Innovations in Consumer Products
2 credits; 2 lecture hours
This course will provide students with in-depth knowledge about the role of scent across various consumer product categories and channels of distribution around the world. Students will learn to identify consumer and category preferences as well as the societal, cultural, and other trends that shape them. Students will focus on the ever-important role of fragrance as part of the consumer’s holistic everyday experience, and how it contributes to and impacts brand storytelling, integrated marketing communications strategy, and brand loyalty. Students will develop their critical thinking and analytical skills through the process of individual assignments and team interdisciplinary projects, and develop their technical skills through hands-on olfactive training. As part of the hands-on component, students will design and create a functional fragrance for a consumer product as part of their final joint interdisciplinary project, which also includes developing a unique brand positioning and story, olfactive and positioning maps, as well as pricing, distribution, and launch strategy.

CF 515 — Fragrance Product Innovation
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
This course will give students a broad insight into the fragrance development process and exposure to the key natural and synthetic raw ingredients in the perfumer’s palette. Olfactive sessions will give students the opportunity to develop his or her “nose” and basic understanding of how fragrances are constructed. An historic overview of women’s and men’s fragrance evolution will be offered as well as key insights into modern trends, master branding, and a perspective on global fragrance development. The fragrance development process will be broken down to acquaint the student with the important steps in fragrance creation.
CF 530 — Consumer Insights
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
This course prepares managers to work with market research and analyze consumer behavior as it impacts product development, advertising, and promotion. It covers the ethics of marketing research, the logic of scientific inquiry, the use of secondary information sources and database management, conducting qualitative research, preparing surveys and experiments, sampling techniques, basic data analysis, and preparation of research reports and presentations.

CF 533 — Patterning Global Markets
4 credits; 4 lecture hours
This intensive overseas seminar provides an opportunity to research individual country markets by gathering consumer insights data, analyzing brand case studies, qualitative interviews with global business leaders, and market field visits to retailers and other influential consumer business models. Students will gather relevant data and perform onsite research as part of a structured exercise in “how to pattern a market.” During the country market visits of their field study, students will examine the global implications of current marketing and management issues in the beauty (and related) industries and prepare a field observation report that specifically addresses a particular product sector, consumer sector, or retail channel across all overseas markets visited, and in comparison to the US market.

CF 541 — Communication and Presentation Skills for Managers
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
Using an interactive format to teach effective communication skills for the modern manager. This course emphasizes both conventional and technologically enhanced preparation and presentation techniques. Communication workshops and weekly presentation skills practice sessions utilizing video playback and personal coaching are included. The use of PowerPoint and teleprompter is covered. Written assignments include workbook exercises, reports on relevant experiences, and strategic communication plans.

CF 615 — Managing the Creative Process
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
Students are introduced to the creative development process for cosmetics and fragrance. Emphasis is placed on management and interpersonal skills needed to develop a climate of innovation through creative departments, creative personnel, and creative materials. Presentations and lectures cover the design process, the role of branding in design, and the importance of creative processes to corporate innovation.

CF 655 — Commerce Management
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
This course covers the broad range of distribution channels for beauty products, and how each channel impacts decisions regarding product mix, pricing, packaging, location, point of purchase materials, advertising, promotion, servicing, logistics, and training. New and emerging distribution channels will be studied along with their effect on existing retail and non-retail businesses.

CF 660 — International Business Practices
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
This is an advanced graduate-level course on global trade and international business, with a special focus on the issues faced by international cosmetics and fragrance companies. A strong emphasis is placed on developing those competencies expected from mid-level and senior managers in global companies: knowledge of major international markets and international management practices, ability to summarize and present the results of business analyses and research, and ability to work productively and creatively as the member of an international team.
CF 663 — Graduate Seminar: Advanced Topics in Marketing
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
This advanced level seminar focuses on critical marketing issues, including positioning, brand image, brand equity, the role of public relations, sales analysis, trend spotting, new market channels, and product launches. It includes guest speakers, industry case studies, and group discussions to elicit critical thinking and strategic planning. This course provides a forum for critical analysis of marketing issues and new opportunities in product marketing. It includes oral presentations and team-building exercises in preparation for the capstone project.

CF 665 — Building a Social Brand
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
In this course, students will explore the ever-evolving landscapes of Digital and Social Media. Through reading assignments, case studies, discussions, and interactive exercises, they will gain a deeper understanding of these platforms and how they continue to affect and change consumer insights. They will gain the necessary knowledge and skills needed to create (or enhance) Social Identity for a brand; integrate Social Media into a broader marketing strategy; craft shareable brand narratives; develop 2-way, value-based relationships with influencers, consumers, and stakeholders; and identify key performance indicators that can be measured against business goals and objectives.

CF 670 — Graduate Seminar: Advanced Topics in Leadership
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
This course focuses on senior-management level strategic leadership and decision making. Reading assignments highlight leadership, management theory, and organizational behavior. Case studies and industry guest lecturers explore actual business responses to strategic issues. Topics include emotional intelligence/leadership personality profiles, situational leadership, influencing skills, cross-cultural leadership, team leadership, change management, mentoring/coaching, negotiation skills, and corporate ethics.

CF 675 — Global Supply Chain Management
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
This course is designed to expand the knowledge of managers about the rapidly changing world of global supply chain management, with a focus on the cosmetics, fragrance, and personal care industries. Managers will learn about global supply chain systems, ranging from R&D, cost management, sourcing, supply planning, demand planning, plant and equipment, manufacturing, transportation, and distribution. This course will allow managers to identify and utilize supply chain metrics and scorecards to optimize the supply chain network. These concepts will be presented from the supplier, company-owned manufacturing, outside contract manufacturing, and retail perspectives. Other areas covered will include financial planning, computer software management systems, and risk management assessment and mitigation.

CF 682 — Global Cosmetics and Fragrance Markets
4 credits; 4 lecture hours
This intensive overseas session provides an experiential component to the global issues covered in the curriculum. Students will examine the global implications of current marketing and management issues in the beauty industry and prepare a marketing project that specifically addresses global components of marketing and brand management.
CF 683 — Graduate Seminar: Capstone Research Seminar
1.5 credits; 1.5 lecture hours
As the research survey course that prepares students for the final interdisciplinary Capstone exercise in the Master of Professional Studies degree, the Capstone Research Seminar provides a platform for the students to master and utilize traditional academic research methodologies, such as primary research analysis, qualitative research (expert interviews and field observations), and (where applicable) quantitative research to inform their Capstone research projects in their final term. Recognizing the expansion of scope of the CFMM Capstone research now published annually in academic White Papers, presented at business conferences, and covered by major press outlets, the Capstone Research Seminar will provide students with the opportunity to develop research plans, a detailed research Summary of primary research in the field of study selected annually, and synthesize expert interviews and other qualitative research vehicles. Where applicable, students will also design and field quantitative research to support their Capstone projects. The learning and outcomes of the new Capstone Research Seminar will support the development of the rigorous research deliverables produced by the students annually in CF 690: Graduate Seminar: Capstone Projects.

CF 690 — Graduate Seminar: Capstone Project
4 credits; 4 lecture hours
In this course, student teams developed in the preceding year’s graduate seminars make final program presentations on a daily basis over the course of this one-week retreat. Students are presented with complex current marketing and management issues in the beauty industry and develop creative solutions that involve critical thinking from the perspective of all functions and disciplines within a corporate organization. Industry managers and experts join faculty in critiquing these Capstone presentations.

CF 692 — Independent Study: Cosmetic and Fragrance Marketing
1-3 credit; 1 lecture hour
Under the guidance of a faculty member, students undertake advanced work, pursue an individual project, or combine both of these activities toward a subject of their choosing. By completing an independent study, a student can begin to specialize in a selected area of interest. Proposals for independent study must be submitted in a timely fashion, and must adhere to the guidelines set by the School of Graduate Studies.

CF 695 — Individual Development Plan
3 credits; 3 lecture hours
This course serves as a written format of a portfolio of the student's coursework, professional development, and executive mentor experience. The course provides a platform for final written analysis of the professional development growth, personal development, and leadership skill development of the individual student. Through thoughtful self-directed learning, guidance from the Executive Mentor, and training achieved through the graduate coursework, the student will complete a thorough skills analysis, and an Individual Development Plan for training and learning beyond the graduate program, which will serve as the roadmap for transition back to corporate management.