



**GLOBAL MARKETING TEAM**

(500)

**REGIONAL 2022**

**Description**

Develop a marketing plan, following the guidelines outlined in the [[[*Style & Reference Manual*](https://members.bpa.org/download-center)](http://www.bpa.org/sdownload/2017-18_SPS_Style_Reference_Manual.pdf)](https://members.bpa.org/download-center), that details pricing strategies and promotional plans for a business.

The completed plan should include, but is *not* limited to, the following:

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| * Title Page and Table of Contents * Synopsis or mini-plan * Company goals * Description of customers and their needs * Description of pricing strategy * Competition | * Marketing mix * Economic, social, legal, and technological trends * Human resource requirements * Marketing timeline * Methods of measuring success | * Works Cited   **Submitted separately during presentation ONLY:**   * Supporting documentation (research, charts, brochures, etc.) |

**Topic**

Background - Little did the owners of Dave and Buster’s, a 40,000-square foot dining and gaming establishment initially located in a Dallas warehouse in 1982, realize they would launch an exciting new restaurant concept known as “eatertainment.” By providing guests unique experiences that combine eating with entertainment, “eatertainment” establishments are forecast as the next big frontier for casual dining.

Task - To capitalize on this growing trend, a local eatertainment company has hired your marketing team to identify expansion opportunities into a domestic U.S. city of your choice within one to three years, with a vision for future international expansion in five to seven years. As no specific company name, mission, vision or product(s)/service(s) are specified in the topic, your team will determine these key elements and implement into the Marketing Plan and presentation. Be prepared to defend your recommendations from a marketing standpoint.

Use the Marketing Plan format in the Style & Reference Manual and the rubric as your guide. Teams who do not submit an entry that follows this topic will be disqualified.

Any marketing plan submitted beyond the maximum number of pages will be *disqualified*.

**Specifications**

* The team will develop a marketing plan and demonstrate oral communication skills.
* The marketing plan must not exceed ten (10) pages single-sided (excluding the Title Page, Table of Contents, Works Cited, and signed Team Entry Form). The marketing plan must follow the Marketing Plan format in the Style & Reference Manual.
* One (1) copy of the completed plan and Works Cited must be presented at the time of the presentation at NLC at both the Preliminary and Final Competition.
* All materials (props, displays, samples, gifts, etc.), other than the required submission, may not be left with judges.
* The length of the presentation will be no more than ten (10) minutes, followed by no more than five (5) minutes of judges’ questions.
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**judging procedure**

* As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each contestant.
* Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
* The length of set-up will be no more than three (3) minutes.
* Set-up will be stopped at three (3) minutes to begin the presentation.
* The length of the presentation will be no more than ten (10) minutes, followed by judges’ questions not to exceed five (5) minutes.
* The presentation will be stopped at ten (10) minutes.
* Excuse contestants upon completion of judges’ questions.
* **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
* Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
* If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
* Give administrator all Scoring Rubrics, Judges’ Comments Sheets, and contest materials.
* No audience is allowed in the contest room.

**Please double-check and verify all scores!**

**Global Marketing Team Sample Questions:**

* Why is this industry growing?
* Does the menu include healthy options?
* What sets this company apart from its competition?
* What can the company do to reduce high employee turnover rate that is common in this industry?

**Marketing Plan *(bold)***

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**Part I—Synopsis or Mini-plan *(bold)***

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This section contains an Executive Summary. An Executive Summary defines and illustrates the content of the Marketing Plan. It should be no more than one page in length so as to allow the reader to determine his/her interest in reading the balance of the plan.

**Part II—Company Goals *(bold)***

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Included in this part of the Marketing Plan are the objective and/or goals established for the organization. There are items that will generally result in and/or produce outcomes for the company to achieve.

**Part III—Description of Customers and Their Needs *(bold)***

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This section should define the target market for your product/service. In order to sell products/services, marketing experts must understand the needs of consumers. Having a clear understanding of customer motivations will provide a clear direction for the overall marketing plan. Your market research should include the gathering of demographic information.

In the global market other considerations include communication, traditions and customs, and buying habits. What does your research reveal about your target market?

**Part IV—Description of Pricing Strategy *(bold)***

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Pricing involves many factors. The marketing plan must include your rationale for price setting. Included in this section will be all the elements affecting the production process. Differentiate between fixed and variable costs as well as the break-even point. Profit margin should be established in this section.

**Part V—Competition *(bold)***

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In this section you provide a clear picture of the overall market. How many other firms/businesses offer the same product/service? What is your plan to win over the customer base when they have a clear choice between your offerings and the other firms/businesses? Is there a place for your business?

**Part VI—Marketing Mix (*bold)***

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A good marketing plan answers questions regarding the promotion of the product/service. Will it appeal to buyers? How much should it cost? How does the seller get information distributed to potential buyers? Where should the product/service be sold? How does this product/service appeal to consumers in other countries? This section should include the factors of price, promotion, and location.

**Part VII—Economic, Social, Legal, and Technological Trends *(bold)***

**(DS)**

Key factors in these areas have a dramatic effect on the success or failure of a business. This section should include your research findings as they relate to the product/service you are marketing. Make sure your findings relate specifically to your marketing plan.

**Part VIII—Human Resource Requirements *(bold)***

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What is the organizational structure of your business? This section should include an organization chart that defines management, supervision, and all levels of employment within your organization as well as job descriptions, required education and skills, and work experience requirements.

**Part IX—Marketing Timeline *(bold)***

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No marketing plan can be implemented without a timeline for yourself and your employees. Include timeframes for implementation of the specific strategies included in your Marketing Plan. Detail employee responsibilities for the items in the timeframe. Timeframes can be as short as one week or as long as one year.

**Part X—Methods of Measuring Success *(bold)***

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How will you determine the success of your marketing plan and your business?

**MARKETING PLAN**

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***Header*:** Name of Company

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