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Professional Certificate in Marketing
(Blended online)

CIM ACADEMY

Course guide

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About CIM Academy

A qualification from The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) can arm you with the tools and techniques to be a professional marketer and will help accelerate your career.

A qualification gained from CIM Academy will not only help you gain that qualification faster, it represents an excellent return on investment.

Why CIM Academy?

As the only study centre owned by The Chartered Institute of Marketing, CIM Academy is based at Moor Hall, the home of CIM. We pride ourselves on providing specially developed intensive study options designed to get students through their studies quickly and efficiently. Whichever study route you choose, studying with CIM Academy gives you access to:

- **The highest quality resources and expertise**
- **Exceptional tuition from course directors who are leaders in their respective fields**
- **A superb support network – from course directors, a dedicated CIM Academy team and fellow delegates**
- **Excellent pass rates – 90% of our delegates pass first time**
- **Fully inclusive prices – alleviating the burden of paperwork and extra costs associated with arranging CIM membership and assessment**

Our **blended online programme** offers a flexible way of studying CIM qualifications, providing a mix of online learning through interactive tutorials and face to face workshop days, over a nine month period.

In addition to this programme, we offer:

1. **Virtual Learning programmes** – study at your own pace from any location, whilst interacting in live tutorials with course directors and face to face workshop days
2. **Residential programmes** – intensive, residential sessions of two to three days duration over a number of months
3. **Customised company training** – tailored qualification programmes delivered in-house to a group of employees



Overview

The **Professional Certificate in Marketing** gives you the practical skills and knowledge to devise and execute tactical marketing activities and gain marketing credibility.

This programme has been designed by CIM Academy and it is based upon The Professional Marketing Standards developed by The Chartered Institute of Marketing for the marketing profession.

The Professional Certificate in Marketing is accredited and approved by QCA and has been set at Level 4 in the National Qualifications Framework.



Who is it for?

- Junior marketers
- Those working in a marketing support role
- Those who undertake marketing activities as part of their job

What you will learn

You will learn how to:

- Understand the function and fundamentals of marketing in some depth – including how to write and execute a marketing plan
- Know the many different ways of understanding and communicating with customers and the function these methods serve
- Understand your organisation's marketing environment, its constituent parts, and how they work in unison
- Apply practical knowledge – including the collecting and analyzing of data, and the establishment of marketing budgets

Course structure and start dates

This programme blends interactive online tutorials and five face to face workshop days over a period of nine months. Delegates will need to spend between eight to ten hours per week studying online and reading. There are two examinations of three hours each (one which is based around a pre-seen case study) and two business related assignments which require 25 – 30 hours to complete.

Streams commence in March, June, September and December each year.

Benefits of blended learning

This programme combines a blend of online tutorials and face to face workshop days at CIM Academy. The benefits of studying in this format are:

- **Flexibility – you can choose when to study and at your own pace**
- **Interactive, engaging online tutorials**
- **Face to face workshops reinforce online learning, allowing for interaction and practical application**
- **Assessment through a combination of work related assignments and exams**
- **Revision and assignment writing, support and feedback**
- **Access to CIMCity, your online personal learning environment**
- **Support network of CIM Academy team, course directors and fellow delegates**

Online support via CIM City

CIM City is the online learning environment from CIM Academy. It offers support and assistance throughout your studies, helping to answer any questions and providing encouragement. Delegates can access interactive online content, share and discuss ideas with their fellow delegates and course director.



Course content

1. Marketing Essentials

You will learn how to:

- Explain how marketing has evolved and the importance of market orientation in creating customer value
- Assess the importance of marketing, its cross-functional role and the contribution it makes to the organisation and society
- Identify and explain the stages in the marketing planning process
- Assess the key elements of the internal and external marketing environment that impact upon the organisation, its objectives and its activities
- Identify and describe the characteristics and applications of each element of the marketing mix (7Ps)



2. Assessing the Marketing Environment

You will learn how to:

- Explain the nature and scope of the internal marketing environment, including the resource perspective
- Distinguish between the types of organisation within the public, private and voluntary sectors and understand the different influences and challenges they face and how their objectives differ as a result
- Identify and explain the different characteristics of the micro environment and recognise the sources of information required to gain a good understanding of it, together with its drivers and challenges
- Assess the importance of and potential impact on a market-oriented organisation of key trends in political, economic, social, technological and legal/ethical/regulatory environment
- Consider the implications for organisations pursuing both economic and environmental sustainability as part of its agenda for CSR

Course content

3. Marketing Information and Research

You will learn how to:

- Identify appropriate information and marketing research requirements for marketing decision-making
- Evaluate the importance of customer databases and their contribution to providing detailed market information to support marketing decisions
- Review the processes involved in establishing an effective database
- Explain the nature and scope of the research industry and discuss the importance of working in line with the industry's code of conduct
- Explain the process for selecting a marketing research supplier, in domestic and international markets, developing the criteria to support that selection
- Explain the process for collecting marketing and customer information, utilising appropriate primary and secondary sources
- Appraise the appropriateness of different qualitative and quantitative research methodologies to meet different research situations

4. Stakeholder Marketing

You will learn how to:

- Assess the relative importance of organisational stakeholders to the marketing function, and the impact they have on the organisation's marketing activities
- Explain the importance of relationship marketing in the context of the organisation's stakeholders in achieving stakeholder interest, involvement, commitment and loyalty
- Explain how the marketing mix can be effectively co-ordinated to support internal and external stakeholder relationships
- Explain how to co-ordinate the communications mix to communicate effectively with the organisation's stakeholders in line with budget and time requirements
- Evaluate key methods for measuring the success of marketing mix and communications activities

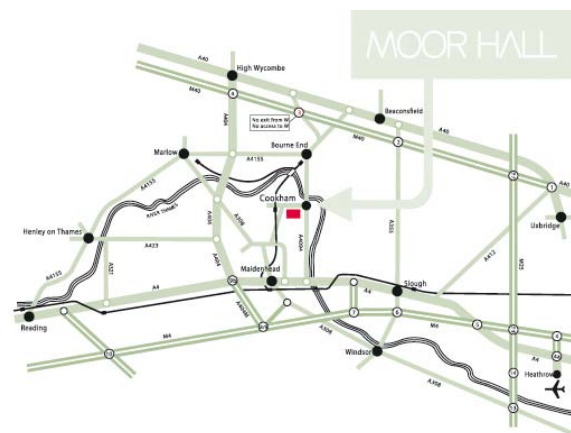
Our training venue



Moor Hall, Cookham

Focused and effective training must be conducted in a relaxed and stress free environment. We believe we have that environment here at Moor Hall, our purpose-built training and conference complex in Cookham, Berkshire. Aside from being the home of The Chartered Institute of Marketing, the venue provides a high quality learning environment set in a beautiful tranquil location next to the River Thames.

The venue is conveniently located within easy reach of international airports, major road and motorway networks and main route rail stations. The complex comprises a beautifully appointed 80 bedroom hotel, superb garden view restaurant, a cocktail lounge for relaxation and entertainment plus a purpose-built recreation centre. Delegates have direct access to world-class marketing resources through the CIM Library based at the venue.



Entry requirements

CIM Academy has its own entry criteria and applicants are assessed on an individual basis. However, we recommend that you have at least one year's marketing/business experience, the CIM Introductory Certificate in Marketing, or a non-marketing related degree in order to apply.

Our programmes are taught in English and all delegates are expected to have sufficient knowledge of both written and spoken English. If English is not your first language, you will need to confirm that you have at least IELTS 6.5 proficiency to Trinity III/IV, or equivalent English Tests that are acceptable to UK Government standards.

- To download a free copy of the Flash plug-in go to <http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer>
- Acrobat Reader – Version 8 or later

Quick test: To see if your computer is able to access our online requirements, please visit:

https://admin.acrobat.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Transition arrangements

If you are part way through studying this qualification, you can also transfer to study with CIM Academy. Please contact the CIM Academy team on +44 (0)1628 427240.

Technical specifications

The recommended minimum specification of your PC is as follows:

- Microsoft Windows 2000 Operating System (or the equivalent for Mac) or later.
- Pentium II 233Mhz with 128MbB of RAM, at least 5MB of free disk space
- SVGA Graphics card with screen resolution set to at least 800 x 600, High Color (16 bit)
- Windows compatible sound card
- Broadband connection to the Internet
- Headset or Speakers
- Microsoft Internet Explorer v6 or later, Netscape Navigator v4.7 or Firefox
- Pop-ups and Java script enabled for cimcity.co.uk
- Flash plug-in – Version 8 or later

How to book

Bookings should be made via the CIM Academy team at The Chartered Institute of Marketing. Please call us on +44 (0)1628 427240 or visit www.cimacademy.com and complete an online enquiry form.

Please send an up to date CV with your booking.

All-inclusive price

£2,600 plus VAT. Unlike other study centres, this price includes student membership during your studies, tuition, assessments, 24/7 access to CIM City, study materials and workshop days. And, we take care of the administration for you, leaving you to concentrate on your studies.

Pay as you learn

We appreciate the pressures on budgets and that a number of delegates are self funding their studies, and so we offer staged payment options which literally means CIM Academy students can 'pay as they learn'.

Please note: Conditions apply. Please contact us for full details.



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Course calendar

	Dates	Exam Board	Results
Cohort Starts Online Online Unit 1 starts	7 June 10		
Workshop 1 – Marketing Essentials	28 June 10		
Online Unit 2 starts	5 July 10		
Workshop 2 – Assessing the Marketing Environment	26 July 10		
Case study issued	6 Aug 10		
Workshop 3 - Revision	16 Aug 10		
Exam – Marketing Essentials (10 short Qs + Mini case)	7 Sept 10	Nov 10	3 Dec 10
Exam – Assessing the Marketing Environment (case study, closed book)	8 Sept 10	Nov 10	3 Dec 10
Online Unit 3 Starts	13 Sept 10		
Assignment 1: Marketing Information and Research - start	27 Sept 10		
Workshop 4 - Marketing Information and Research	11 Oct 10		
Assignment 1: Marketing Information and Research - hand in	26 Nov 10	Feb 11	25 Feb 11
Online Unit 4 starts	29 Nov 10		
Assignment 2: Stakeholder Marketing (Work-based Project) - start	13 Dec 10		
Workshop 5 - Stakeholder Marketing	10 Jan 11		
Assignment 2: Stakeholder Marketing (Work-based Project) - hand in	25 Feb 11	May 11	27 May 11
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Workshop 1 – Marketing Essentials	23 Sept 10		
Online Unit 2 starts	4 Oct 10		
Workshop 2 – Assessing the Marketing Environment	18 Oct 10		
Case study issued	29 Oct 10		
Workshop 3 - Revision	10 Nov 10		
Exam – Marketing Essentials (10 short Qs + Mini case)	30 Nov 10	Feb 11	Feb 11
Exam – Assessing the Marketing Environment (case study, closed book)	1 Dec 10	Feb 11	Feb 11
Online Unit 3 Starts	6 Dec 10		
Assignment 1: Marketing Information and Research - start	20 Dec 10		
Workshop 4 - Marketing Information and Research	12 Jan 11		
Assignment 1: Marketing Information and Research - hand in	25 Feb 11	May 11	28 May 11
Online Unit 4 starts	28 Feb 11		
Assignment 2: Stakeholder Marketing (Work-based Project) - start	14 Mar 11		
Workshop 5 - Stakeholder Marketing	28 Mar 11		
Assignment 2: Stakeholder Marketing (Work-based Project) - hand in	16 May 11	July 11	27 Aug 11
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