Influencer Marketing: Q&A with Amanda Russell

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Influencer Marketing is one of the hottest topics, yet most widely misunderstood, why do you think that is?



When teaching about influencer marketing, do I focus on social media or teach it more generally including pre-social media influencer marketing?



Does influencer marketing even work? What new metrics are being used to measure success in a campaign?



What kind of shelf life is there for influencer marketing? What do you see on the horizon that may be replacing the "influencer" movement?



How do I teach about influencer marketing theory rather than just sharing examples?



How can my students and I stay up-to-date on the latest trends?



Does influencer marketing only work for celebrities like the Kardashians?



My students have a hard time understanding that influencer marketing doesn't work for every brand. How do I explain this?



Do you have practical lessons that I can teach my students regarding influencer marketing?



For those students who aren't going to work for major brands, how can I offer them practical takeaways about influencer marketing?



Where can I find case studies to use as examples in class?



How do I teach about finding influencers and hitting the market well?



When do you know which strategies to use (e.g. giveaways, takeovers, brand ambassadors)?



How do you approach and build relationships with influencers?



What are some of the pitfalls that make an influencer relationship not as successful as it could be?



Are there any industry-specific tools that I should teach my students?

