

# MKTG 3450 - Consumer Behavior - Summer 2011

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Office hrs: T/W/Th 9:00-11:00; M/W 11-12

Class: Hazy 243 7:30-9:30 pm Tuesday/Thursday

*Textbook: Wilkie, William. Consumer Behavior. John Wiley. 1994 (This textbook is out of print, but it is still the best consumer behavior textbook. Dr. Anderson has scoured the Internet and obtained copies of this textbook from every vendor available on the Web. This textbook is required, but presently available only from Dr. Anderson. It will cost you each \$35 for the textbook.*

**About the Course:** The general course objective is to help you understand the nature of consumer behavior. Consumer behavior is an exciting and challenging subject...it is about people, marketing, and the consumer marketplace itself. Remember, "I listen, I forget. I see, I remember. I do, I understand." The purpose of this course is to create a dialogue among ourselves about the nature of consumer behavior. To allow this to happen, lectures will occur only occasionally.

On completion of this course, you should be able to:

- know consumer behavior foundations
- apply the tools to real-life situations
- analyze integration of all aspects of the planning processes of consumer behavior

**Grading:** 4 exams @ 100pts.....400 points

A = 92%+    A- = 90%+    B+ = 87%+    B = 82%+    B- = 80%+    C = 70%+

*Assignments will not be assigned points. Poor quality/late/non-submission will subtract 5 points from total. Assignments are due on the dated noted at the beginning of the class period-late material will receive a 5 point reduction. Attendance roll will be taken.*

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## Schedule:

- May 31      Introduction
- Jun 2        Chapter 1 - Field of Consumer Behavior.
- Jun 7        Chapter 2 - Marketer's & Consumers' Views *Due Jun 9<sup>th</sup> - Assignment 1 - Choose a product or service for which you feel you have a special level of expertise/insight as a consumer. Write a report listing several common mistakes many consumers make when buying this product or service. And list three tips that would help consumers buy this good more wisely. (In class you will take the Consumer Rating Test)*
- Jun 9        Chapter 3 - The Consumer Marketplace *Due Jun 14<sup>th</sup> - Assignment 2 - Visit a supermarket with this mission: walk through the store, noting brands,*

*packaging devices, products, etc. reflecting changing age structure in society/ then consider what two of these products might be like in 10 years, as age structure changes. What would you recommend in these areas?*

- Jun 14 Chapter 4 - Marketing Segmentation
- Jun 16 **Exam 1** - chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 (you may have a one page “cheat sheet.”)
- Jun 21 Chapters 5 & 6 - Consumer Motivation - Essentials, Applications, and Extensions – *We will go shopping this morning—come hungry*
- Jun 23 Chapter 7 - Consumer Information Processing *Due Jul 5<sup>th</sup> - Assignment 3 - Try to observe CIP in action within the marketing-consumer environment. Go shopping with a friend or relative. Do not inform your shopping companion about the nature of your exercise, but do make an effort to observe and monitor his/her CIP. Write your observations.*
- Jun 28 Chapters 8 & 9 - Consumer Perception video: Rap Raplinger
- Jun 30 **Exam II** (chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) you may have a one page “cheat sheet.”)
- Jul 5 *Due today Assignment 3 Lecture on Gestalt principles of organization. Due Jul 12<sup>th</sup> - Assignment 4 - A significant number of consumers shop without wearing their eyeglasses. in exactly what ways would this affect their shopping behaviors? Have retailers and manufacturers adjusted for this factor adequately? Go to a supermarket-look for evidence regarding marketer’s responses. Write report. Video: Buy me that*
- Jul 7 ***Bring to class today a can of your favorite root beer, & orange juice for blind taste test***
- Jul 12 Chapter 10 & 11 - Learning & Attitudes *Due Jul 14<sup>th</sup> - Assignment 4 - Interview a student who has been raised in other cultures than your own. Ask about contrasts and similarities across the cultures: family, education, economics, politics, social classes, values, media, shopping, marketplaces. Write a report on findings.*
- Jul 14 Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15 - Influences: Cultural, Social, Household, Salespersons
- Jul 19 **Exam III** (chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) allowed one page “cheat sheet.”)  
Chapter 17, 18, 19 - Consumer Decision Processes: Prepurchase, Purchase, Postpurchase
- Jul 21 **Final Exam** (chapters 17, 18, 19) allowed one page “cheat sheet.”)

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