MOS 3321F Section – 001
Consumer Behaviour
Fall 2019
Course Outline

1. Course Information:
   1.1 Class Location and Time:
       Tuesday 1:30pm to 4:30pm, UCC 67
   1.2 Contact Information:
       Instructor: Dr. Scott Connors
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       accessibility to all faculty, staff, students and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and
       independence of people with disabilities. Please contact the course instructor if you require
       material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more
       accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at
       519-661-2147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.
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2. Calendar Description
   2.1 Course Description:
       This course is entitled, Consumer Behaviour, which the American Marketing Association defines as
       “the dynamic interaction of affect and cognition, behavior, and environmental events by which
       human beings conduct the exchange aspects of their lives.” More generally, consumer behaviour
       is a marriage between psychology and marketing. Understanding the psychology and behaviour of
       the consumer can help marketers be responsive to their needs and desires, and accordingly,
       strategically develop an appropriate marketing mix.

       3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

       Antirequisite(s): None

       Prerequisite(s): MOS2320A/B and enrolment in 3rd or 4th year of BMOS.

       Senate Regulations

       Senate Regulations state, “unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special
       permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted
from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”

This regulation is in regards to the COURSES required. Students not in BMOS are permitted to enroll in up to 1.0 MOS courses, per the Academic Timetable.

3. Textbook

Additional Readings and Handouts (available on OWL).

4. Course Objectives and Format
The DAN Department of Management and Organizational Studies as a whole draws upon an evidence-based management approach. Evidence-based management is the systematic process of gathering evidence from multiple sources, critically appraising the evidence, and using that evidence in making and evaluating management decisions to improve organizational performance.

4.1 Course objectives
This course has two main objectives: (1) introduce students to the classic theories and practice of consumer behaviour and the implications of the most current academic research in the field; and (2) enable students to apply consumer behaviour concepts to real world marketing problems and develop their own ideas about their future research.

4.2 Course format
A variety of methods to present the materials (e.g., lectures, cases, discussion, group exercises) and all possible multimedia (e.g., PowerPoint, videos, website) will be utilized. Students are expected to do the required readings before coming to class each week.

5. Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of MOS 3321, students will:

- Identify the key terms, concepts, and theories of consumer behaviour
- Evaluate the principal theories of consumer behaviour; critically assess strengths, limitations and applications
- Apply consumer behaviour concepts to real world marketing problems and develop better marketing programs and strategies to influence those behaviours
- Analyze the current trends in consumer behaviour; and apply them to the marketing of an actual product or service.

6. Evaluation
There are five evaluation components in the course. Students are REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS of this course. There are no exceptions to this. Extra assignments to improve grades will NOT be allowed. It is important to monitor your performance in the course: YOU are responsible for your grades.

In-Class Contribution 10%
Group Project (Content Creation) 20%
Article Review 10%
Midterm Exam 30%
Final Exam 30%
6.1 In-class Contribution.

You must participate in class in order to make the discussions interesting, insightful, and fun. Such participation is encouraged across the course, but is particularly important in the many “breakouts” that will be sprinkled throughout the course. **What matters most is a balance of quantity and quality.** Not everyone may be called on each class, but students are expected to be able to contribute to the discussion if chosen. We should work together to make each class session a lively, stimulating, and intellectually rewarding venture in group learning. You are individually and collectively responsible to that end. Believe me, nobody (including me) wants to hear me ramble on endlessly about the course concepts without engaging in class discussion. The best classes are those that are highlighted by an interactive discussion about the potential marketing opportunities that arise from course concepts. As such, we are all *co-producers* of knowledge.

In addition to my own tracking throughout the semester, you will be asked to provide an assessment of your own contribution to the course. This will be done at both the midpoint and conclusion of the course.

**A breakdown of what makes for a good in-class contribution grade is available on OWL.**

6.2 Group Project (Print and Video)

**Due Date: December 3, 2019**

The group project gives you a chance to put consumer psychology theory into practice. Groups will be assigned in class after the first week once enrollment has finalized. After choosing a product/brand, you will conduct a competitive analysis demonstrating a thorough understanding of the tactics employed by competitors as analyzed through the lens of consumer behavior theory. Then you will develop and create two unique advertisements (one print, one video) for your selected product/brand. Specific details for the group project will be provided during the first week of class.

All members of a team are expected to participate equally towards team objectives. If any team member is shirking, team members are free to approach me with their concerns. I ask you to be proactive with any team-based issues that you are having. I will not entertain any team-related issues after the grades for the assignments/presentation are given. Mastering the ability to work successfully in any team-based situation is an important factor in predicting your real-world industry success. I take peer evaluation seriously and you will all complete evaluations for yourself, and your team at the end of the semester. In such cases that these is a serious issue, I reserve the right to give the non-participating team members an individual grade that is different from the overall team grade on the team submission if the combination of peer evaluation(s) and my observation and/or investigation indicate poor performance and effort relative to that put forth by the rest of the team.

6.3 Article Review

**Due Date: October 8th, 2019**

The objective of this assignment is to strengthen your understanding of how consumer behavior theory is developed by academic marketing researchers and, importantly, to draw the necessary connections to how this research can be applied to marketing practice. Your task is to prepare an article review including a discussion of the implications for marketing managers and directions for future research.
Exams will be combination of short answer, multiple choice, true/false, and calculations in format and is a closed book examination. Dictionaries are NOT allowed into the examinations, and only non-programmable calculators will be allowed into the exam.

Electronic devices of any kind (including cell phones, smart watches and calculators) are NOT permitted at exams.

Each exam is non-cumulative. Questions can pertain to any of the material covered during weeks prior to each exam, including those topics contained in video presentations, class discussions/activities, and assigned readings.

Exams will be scored using the program Scan Exam which examines the answer sheets for unusual coincidences in the pattern of answers given which may be indicative and used as supporting evidence of cheating.

The DAN Department has a grade policy which states that for courses in the 3000-4000 range, the class average must fall between 70% and 77% for all sections of a course taught by the same instructor. In very exceptional circumstances only, class averages outside this range may be approved by the Undergraduate Chair or Chair. Class averages are not grounds for appeal.

7. Lecture and Examination Schedule
See Schedule on OWL

Midterm exam will be held in class on October 22.

Final exam TBA (during final exam period)

8. Student Responsibilities
For Students should familiarize themselves with Western University Senate Regulations, please see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html.

Material covered in lectures will not always be the same as material covered in the textbook. These two sources should be viewed as complimentary and not redundant. As such, students who want to do well in this course are strongly encouraged to attend lectures on a regular basis. Please note that the instructor will not be providing copies of lectures notes or overheads. Therefore, if you miss a lecture, you should try to obtain this material from another student.

8.1 Respect
Please act respectfully towards the classroom, the Professor and your fellow students. Acting respectfully means arriving on time, turning off phones, avoiding private discussions during lectures, refraining from viewing non-course material on your laptops, and cleaning up after yourself. Acting respectfully provides a better learning experience for everyone.

Private in-class discussions are distracting to students and the Professor. If other students are distracting your attention from the material, you should ask them to be quiet. If you feel uncomfortable doing this (or the problem persists), please see the instructor.

Late arrivals are also distracting. Please try to arrive on time for classes.

8.2 No Recording of Classes
Students are not permitted to record any portion of a class, audio or video, without the prior written permission of the professor.
8.3 Copyright Notice
Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. You may take notes and make copies of course materials for your own educational use. You may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without my written consent.

9. Exam Policies
- Bring student identification to exams.
- Nothing is to be on/at one's desk during an exam except a pencil, an eraser, and the individual's student card.
- Do not wear baseball caps to exams.
- Do not bring music players, cell phones, or other electronic devices to exams.
- To ensure fairness to all students, questions will not be answered during exams.

10. Attendance
It is expected that students will attend all classes. The professor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

10.1 Short Absences.
If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lectures notes from a classmate.

10.2 Extended Absences.
If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. The Academic Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed about your difficulties.

11. Grade Fairness
Fairness requires that all students be treated equally and be evaluated using the criteria set out in this course outline. The evaluation criteria are based on actual achievement and not on how hard a student has tried.

Claims by students of an excellent academic history, good attendance record, need to obtain or maintain a scholarship, desire to be admitted to Ivey or graduate school, or other personal issues, cannot be used to justify a higher grade in the course or a reweighting of course components. There is no extra work or assignments available for extra credit or to “make up” for a course component that was missed or performed poorly.

12. Posting of Grades
Midterm exam grades will be posted on OWL once the grades are available. Final exam grades and final course grades are not posted on OWL and are available once they have been posted by the Registrar under “Academic Summary” at the Student Centre website.
13. University Policy Regarding Illness

13.1 Illness

For details on University Policy and student responsibilities go to:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf

Students who experience an extenuating circumstance (illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstance) sufficiently significant to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

i. Submitting a Self-Reported Absence form provided that the conditions for submission are met (maximum of 2 from September to April, valid for 48 hours or less, on course work worth less than or equal to 30%); or

ii. For medical absences, submitting a Student Medical Certificate (SMC):
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf
signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner in order to be eligible for Academic Consideration; or

iii. For non-medical absences, submitting appropriate documentation (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to Academic Counselling in order to be eligible for academic consideration. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Counselling unit to clarify what documentation is appropriate.

Students seeking academic consideration:

- are advised to consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying handing in work;
- are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances, recognizing that minor ailments (upset stomach) or upsets (argument with a friend) are not an appropriate basis for a self-reported absence;
- must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence.

13.2 Make Up Examinations

The student must write a make-up exam if the regularly scheduled exam is missed for reasons for which adequate documentation is received by the instructor (this documentation must be supplied by the Academic Counseling office).

The date and time of the make-up examination will be set by the instructor, who will communicate the date to the student.

If a student is unable to meet the scheduled make-up as agreed, then the student is responsible for obtaining new accommodations from Academic Counselling, and seeking a new make-up date with the instructor within a reasonable time frame.

14. University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offenses. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offenses in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offenses include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or
elsewhere. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

A copy of guidelines about how to avoid cheating can be obtained from the office of the Ombudsperson, Room 3135 WSSB, (519) 661-3573, ombuds@uwo.ca.

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses. Looking at the test of another student, allowing another student to view your exam, or obtaining information about a test in advance are all examples of cheating.

Students found cheating will receive a zero (0%) on that exam. A number of safeguards will be employed to discourage cheating. For example, examination supervisors (proctors) of the tests may ask students to move to another seat during the exam, cover their paper, avert their eyes from other students' papers, remove baseball caps, etc. This is not meant as a personal affront nor as an accusation of cheating, rather as vigilant attempts at proctoring.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offense include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

15. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations
1. In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation).
2. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Undergraduate Chair: Student Affairs of the Department of Management and Organizational Studies.
3. If the response of the Undergraduate Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, he/she may then appeal to the Dean of the Faculty in which the course of program was taken.
4. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Ombudsperson's Office.

16. Support Services
16.1 Support Services
   The Registrar's office can be accessed for Student Support Services at http://www.registrar.uwo.ca
   Student Support Services (including the services provided by the USC listed here) can be reached at: http://westernusc.ca/services/
   Student Development Services can be reached at: http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/
   Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

16.2 Academic Concerns.
   If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your academic counsellor.