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MKT3402 Consumer Behaviour Semester 1, 2015/16 (August – November 2015)

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Course Description

Consumer behaviour is more than about buying things. It embraces the study of how having or not having things affect our lives, and how our possessions influence the way we feel about ourselves and others.

The purpose of the course is to provide you with an understanding on the many aspects of consumer behaviour and the application of theoretical perspectives.

Course Objectives

This course in Consumer Behaviour aims to achieve the following:-

- 1. Understand that consumer behaviour is a process and the theoretical concepts applicable in the marketplace.
- Consider that consumers use products to help them to define their identities in different settings, and that marketers need to understand the needs and wants of different consumer segments.
- 3. Understand the role of consumers as individuals and decision makers.
- 4. Develop strategies for making contact with consumers, shaping consumers' opinions and assisting in their buying decisions.
- 5. Evaluate the environmental influences of culture and sub-culture, social class, family, reference groups and personal influence on the behaviour of consumers.

Assessment Components (tentative)

Group Effort

Group Case Presentation 15% Group Project 25%

Individual Effort

Test 25% Individual Assignment 20% Class Participation 15%

Total 100%

Recommended Text

1. Michael Solomon (2015), **Consumer Behaviour: Buying, Having and Being**, Pearson. 11th edition

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