Consumer Behaviour - Web course

COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE DETAIL

Aim:

At the end of the course the student will have an understanding of the behavior of the buyer in the marketplace. Focus would be on the psychological and sociological elements and their impact on consumer decision making.

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| Segmentations and Positioning. | Basis for Segmentation.  
Alternatives available for Segmentation.  
Positioning. |
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Buying Roles.  
Consumer Decision Making Process.  
Levels of Consumer Decision Making.  
Perspectives to Consumer Decision Making.  
Consumer Decision Making Process. |
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| 5.Models of Consumer Behavior | The Economic model.  
Learning model.  
Psychoanalytic model.  
The sociological model.  
The Howard Sheth model of Buying Behaviour.  
The Nicosia model.  
The Engel - Kollat - Blackwell Model.  
Engel, Blackwell and Miniard (EBM) model. |
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Consumer Learning.  
Personality, Self-concept and Self-image.  
Consumer Perception, Risk and Imagery.  
Consumer Attitude: Belief, Affect, Attitude and Intention, Attitude Formation and Attitude Change.  
Consumer Communication. |
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Consumer reference groups.  
Family and Life cycle.  
Social class and mobility, lifestyle analysis.  
Culture; Sub-Culture.  
Cross Culture.  
Interpersonal Communication and influence.  
Opinion Leadership. |
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### Innovation
- Adoption Process.
- Consumer Innovators.
- Multiplicative innovation adoption (MIA) model.

### Organizational Buying
- Differences between Industrial Markets and Consumer Markets.
- Differences between Organizational and Consumer Buying.
- Buying Decisions in Organizational Buying Process; Types of Decision Making.
- Organization Buyer's Decision Making Process.
- Factors influencing Organizational Buying Behaviour.
- Decision Makers in Organizational Buying.
- Webster and Wind model of Organizational buying behavior.
- The Sheth model of Industrial buying.
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### Consumer Behavior Analysis and Marketing Strategy
- Consumer Behavior and Product Strategy.
- Consumer Behavior and Pricing Strategy.
- Consumer Behavior and Distribution Channel Strategy.
- Consumer Behavior and Promotion Strategy.

| Total Hours | 40 |

### References: