

MOS 3321F
Consumer Behaviour
School of Behavioural and Social Sciences

Contact	Virtual office hours	Synchronous Class Time – via Zoom	
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		Time:	9:30AM-11:30AM ET
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on understanding and predicting consumer behavior by integrating theories from psychology, sociology, anthropology and economics. Emphasis will be on how behavior is shaped by internal and external influences.

COURSE STRUCTURE, CONTENT, AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course is structured in three modules.

Weeks 1 – 5: Consumers as Individuals

Weeks 6 – 7: Attitude, Attitude Changes and Decision Making

Weeks 8 – 13: Consumers in Their Social and Cultural Settings

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Identify the key terms, concepts and theories of consumer behaviour
2. Evaluate the principal theories of consumer behaviour; critically assess strengths, limitations and applications
3. Apply consumer behaviour concepts to real world marketing problems, developing better marketing programs and strategies to influence those behaviours.
4. Analyse the current trends in consumer behaviour, applying them to the marketing of an actual product or service.
5. Demonstrate effective written communication skills in a professional setting.

Student competency levels on these outcomes will vary. You can expect to achieve these outcomes if you honour course policies and complete all learning activities in good faith and on time, demonstrate comprehension of the course content, and meet all other course expectations of you as a student.

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COMPETENCIES

Primary competencies developed in this course include:

Number	Competency	Level
1	Communication	4
2	Critical Thinking	3
3	Inquiry and Analysis	3
4	Problem Solving	3

See <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/brescia-competencies/> for a detailed description of each competency.

COURSE MATERIALS

Solomon, White & Dahl (2017). *Consumer Behaviour: Buying Having Being* (7th Cad ed.) Toronto ON Pearson Canada (available as eBook)

Case Pack available on Ivey Cases Website (see OWL for link and details).

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND ANTIREQUISITES

MOS 2320A/B or MOS 3320A/B and enrollment in 3rd or 4th year BMOS.

COURSE EVALUATION

Component	Timing	Learning Outcomes	Brescia Competency	Weight
Case Analysis – 10 cases	See Learning Plan	1,3,5	1,2,3,4	50%
In Class Contribution	Weekly	1,2,3	1,2,3,4	20%
Group Brand Analysis and Recommendations report	Week 12	3, 4, 5, 6	1,2,3,4	30%

Evaluation Policies

You must complete all evaluation components to pass the course. I will not re-weight course components unless you have received an academic accommodation. I will not adjust grades based on need. Your mark in the course will be the mark that you earn based on your comprehension of course content. Extra credit assignments are not available, and evaluations cannot be rewritten to obtain a higher mark. Once you have completed an evaluation, you are committed to the mark earned.

Late assignments without an academic accommodation will receive a “0.” All assignments are subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All assignments submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database to detect plagiarism of assignments subsequently

submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Learning Tasks: Evaluation Component Descriptions

Learning Tasks are the graded assignments you complete to demonstrate that you have achieved the learning outcomes and Brescia Competencies required to successfully complete this course. Detailed instructions, templates, examples, and grading rubrics for all learning tasks are available on OWL. Please note that all completion deadlines are in Eastern Time (Toronto-Canada). See <https://www.thetimezoneconverter.com/> for conversion to your local time.

Learning Task 1: Case or Exercise Analysis and Discussion

You will be asked to analyze 10 separate cases (each valued at 5%) by posting your analysis to OWL forums on Wednesdays before 4 pm. You must also comment on one other student's post prior to Thursday at 4pm. Students posts and comments will have been reviewed prior to class and students may be called upon during class to comment on their posts. Analyses are limited to 1 page, 12 font.

Learning Task 2: In Class Contribution

The purpose of contribution is four-fold. First, it helps students engage with each other and with the course material, which improves your learning and makes learning more enjoyable. Second, you apply what you have learned from the assigned readings, so you can test whether you understand the material. Third, class contribution forces you to connect regularly with the course content, so you don't fall behind. Finally, you will receive feedback from your peers and myself on concepts that you will need to understand to be successful on the final group project.

Contribution will be graded weekly. You may miss one class without an accommodation or academic penalty. Any further missed classes will result in a "0" for the week unless you have an accommodation. Any student who misses more than 3 classes without an accommodation may, at the instructor's discretion, receive a "0" on LT2 for the term.

Learning Task 3: Team Brand Analysis and Recommendations Report

This is a team assignment. You will synthesize and apply concepts learned to a real-world brand. The assignment is designed to show some evidence of significant learning that takes place beyond the classroom. The rationale for this assignment is two-fold: 1) students should learn more from a directed study in a topic in which they have expressed a personal interest, and 2) it encourages expression of creativity - a critical characteristic of a good marketer. It is suggested that you consult with the instructor while preparing your team assignment. Requesting and integrating feedback while preparing the project is likely to produce better results.

1. Select a brand
2. Create a one-page summary of your assignment: your choice of brand, rationale for choosing the brand, and the three to four consumer behaviour concepts you plan to apply to the brand. Submit this to your instructor for feedback and brand selection approval as indicated in the assignment details and course schedule.
3. Acquire information on this brand, from applied or commercial publications such as magazines, newspapers, corporate websites, social media and marketing databases (available through the library). You are encouraged to consult a librarian in this information search.
4. Analyze the brand by applying a prescribed number of consumer behaviour concepts or theories. Your analysis should include an explanation of how the brand relates to these concepts or theories, and an evaluation of the brand's effectiveness.
5. Provide background information relevant to the brand and its product category.
6. You are encouraged to submit as exhibits items such as sample ads, promotional materials, radio or TV transcripts, urls and other relevant marketing materials.

You will prepare a maximum 7 page report (single spaced, 12 font type, excluding exhibits, title page and citations) including your analysis and providing recommendations to improve marketing strategies and tactics based on consumer insights. The report is due prior to class on Friday December 3 at 9:30AM. Presentations will take place during class time on December 3.

COURSE POLICIES**Teaching Methodology and Expectations of Students**

This course will be taught online through OWL in a synchronous format. Each week you will be expected to interact with the course content and other students by posting an exercise or case analysis on OWL Forums and through in class discussions.

This course is designed to ensure maximum experiential learning. Readings may be expanded upon by way of videos, exercises, and/or case discussions. The very nature of the case study approach demands a high level of preparation and contribution to class discussions. You are expected to be prepared and fully engaged in learning.

Class Schedule

A weekly learning plan for this course is posted on the OWL Course Introduction page. Following this schedule is your responsibility. You should check OWL regularly for lecture videos, reading, and

announcements. You should anticipate spending a minimum of 5 hours per week completing readings, cases and exercises, attending class and preparing assignments.

Preferred Method of Contact

If you have questions regarding a learning task or course content, please check OWL Forums to see whether your question has been answered. If you cannot find the information you need, please post your question on OWL Forums.

If you would like to discuss something personal, please contact me through OWL Messages to set up a virtual meeting at a mutually convenient time. I check OWL daily Monday through Friday. I generally do not check OWL or email during the weekend, so plan accordingly.

Appointments

Students are welcome to meet with me by arranging a virtual appointment at a mutually convenient time. Be on time for your appointment, have an objective for the discussion and let me know in advance which learning task or topic you wish to discuss, so I can be prepared.

Privacy

To respect privacy laws and the privacy of individual students, all grades will be distributed on OWL only. If you wish to discuss a grade, or review a test or paper, please make an appointment with the professor to do so virtually. To respect your privacy, I will discuss your grades only with you. Please do not share or compare your grades. I cannot share information about another student's grades, so discussions comparing grades between students will not be entertained.

Academic Accommodation

If, on medical or compassionate grounds, a student is unable to complete a course component **worth greater than 10 per cent of the final course grade**, it is the responsibility of the student to consult with an Academic Advisor and follow the procedures documented in the "POLICY REGARDING MAKEUP EXAMS AND EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES" posted as an addendum to this outline.

For academic accommodation to be considered for any course component **worth less than 10 per cent of the final course grade**, it is the responsibility of the student to approach me in a timely fashion (within two business days of the missed deadline). Documentation may be required to be submitted to the academic advisor. If documentation is required, the request for accommodation will be decided by the academic advisor in consultation with me. If documentation is not required, I will make the final decision.

DROPPING A COURSE

To drop a course without academic penalty, you must drop the course by the following dates:

Fall Term Half Credit Course

November 12, 2021

For further details, check the online academic calendar in the registrar's website. To book an appointment with one of Brescia's Academic Advisors, call 519.432.8353, extension 28266. If you are

registered at another college or main campus, please make an appointment to see your academic advisor at your home campus.

2022-23 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students can be found at https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_135

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

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

1. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
2. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf;
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;

4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor (https://brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment_services/academic_advising/book_an_appointment.php). If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please contact your Academic Advisor or see the list of sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements maybe different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_64).

4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at:

https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences 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. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) 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.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar

https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

6. PREREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written Special Permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the 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 prerequisite(s).

7. SUPPORT

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Development & Success at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>).

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Health & Wellness at Brescia**, https://brescia.uwo.ca/student_life/health_and_wellness/index.php and **Health and Wellness at Western**, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at https://brescia.uwo.ca/safe_campus/sexual_violence/index.php.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy, and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.
