

Course Outline

RSM353H1F-L0101

Consumer Behaviour Fall 2022 Thursday / 1:00 – 3:00 pm / RT 142 RSM353H1F-L5101

Consumer Behaviour Fall 2022 Thursday / 5:00 – 7:00 pm / RT 142

Instructor: Scott Hawkins

E-Mail: scott.hawkins@rotman.utoronto.ca

Quercus Portal: https://q.utoronto.ca/

Phone: 416-978-4196

Office Hours: Th 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment (via Zoom or MS Teams)

Course Scope and Mission

The design of effective marketing strategies requires an understanding of consumer needs and desires, company strengths and weaknesses, and competitive threats and opportunities. Successful managers can design and deliver unique consumer value in ways that efficiently utilize the company's resources. This course focuses on the analysis of consumer thoughts, feelings, and behaviours by providing a detailed account of the theory of consumer behaviour. We will examine the personal, psychological, social, and cultural aspects of the marketing environment, and explore the nature of these influences on the buying behaviour of individuals and groups. The conceptual material will draw on an information processing view of consumer behaviour. Research from marketing will be supplemented with material from social and cognitive psychology, sociology, and economics.

A complete understanding of consumer behaviour requires a combination of analytic skills in market research and discipline-based skills of consumer analysis. In order to facilitate the development of these skills, the course will include a balanced mix of lectures and discussions. The assigned readings from the required text provide a comprehensive treatment of many of the topics covered in the course. Lectures will be used to highlight, clarify, or expand on selected theories about consumers and suggest relevant implications and applications. Readings will convey current business practices and provide illustrations of the conceptual material.

Course Learning Outcomes

• To develop an understanding of the recent conceptual, empirical, and methodological developments in research on consumer behaviour.

- To develop an understanding of the role of cultural and social forces in shaping consumer behaviour.
- To develop an understanding of individual differences among consumers and how these differences can influence behaviour.
- To develop an understanding of the role of motivation, involvement, and emotion in determining consumer behaviour.
- To develop an understanding of the ways that consumers learn, perceive, and remember marketing information.
- To develop an understanding of the ways that marketers can use attitudes and persuasion to influence consumer behaviour.
- To develop an understanding of consumer decision making and the ways in which the product experience can influence consumer satisfaction.
- To develop a coherent framework for interpreting consumer reactions to marketing stimuli.
- To develop an understanding of how behavioural principles, findings, and methods can be applied to the analysis of marketing problems and the design of marketing strategies.
- To refine analytical and decision-making skills and the ability to express relevant facts, theories, insights, and conclusions orally and in writing.

Course Co-requisites

RSM350H1

If you drop RSM350H1 (the co-requisite) during the academic term, you must also drop this course. Contact Rotman Commerce Academic Services for academic advising if needed.

Required Readings

Please note that *it is essential for you to obtain and read the Required Readings* because they will be critical resources for learning the course material and completing the <u>Analysis and Application Papers</u>. Daily reading assignments are listed in the <u>Class Schedule</u>.

The required e-text for the course is *Consumer Behaviour: Buying, Having, and Being, Eighth Canadian Edition*, (Toronto, Ontario: Pearson) by Michael R. Solomon, Kelly J. Main, Katherine White, & Darren W. Dahl. This e-text may be rented for one year from *Pearson Canada*.

Additional required readings are available at the Harvard Business School Publishing website (see <u>Electronic Course Materials</u> below), which will allow you to purchase and access the files electronically. The readings that you will need to purchase from the HBS website are marked in the <u>Class Schedule</u> with an *HBS* superscript (article title HBS).

All other required readings are available electronically through the <u>University of Toronto Libraries</u>. You can view and/or print these articles online by clicking on the article titles, which are provided in the folders for the specific sessions on the portal (see <u>Electronic Course Materials</u> below).

Electronic Course Materials

All Harvard course material can be purchased by accessing the <u>Harvard Business School Publishing website</u>. You should access this site as soon as possible to purchase the Harvard readings for the course. Once you provide your contact information and pay the fees indicated, you will be able to view, download, and print that material from the Harvard website. These electronic materials from Harvard will cost a total of \$39.00. The use of these materials complies with all University of Toronto policies that govern fees for course materials.

Additional course resources including announcements, required readings, handouts, and links to relevant websites and videos are available on the *Quercus Portal*. You must log in to this website using your UTORid and password before the first class and regularly during the course in order to access required reading material. Once you have logged in, you will see the Dashboard, which shows all courses in which you are presently enrolled. If you don't see this course listed but you are properly registered for the course in *ACORN*, wait 48 hours. If the course still does not appear, please notify the instructor. You may also explore the *Student Quercus Guide*.

It is expected that students in the classroom will use technology responsibly, with consideration for their fellow students and other members of the University community. Students are encouraged to use laptops for note taking, in-class activities, and course-related portal and web access. Laptops are not to be used for email, instant messaging, web browsing, or any other activity that is disruptive to other students, the instructor, or the classroom environment.

Grading

Grades are a measure of the performance of a student in individual courses. Students will be judged based on their demonstrated understanding of the course material. All assignments in this course must be completed individually. Each assignment for this course will be given a numerical score based on the University of Toronto's <u>University Assessment and Grading Practices Policy</u>. The final grade for the course will be computed by multiplying the numeric mark on each assignment by the corresponding weight for that assignment.

Course Component	Due Date	Weight
Class Participation	Ongoing	20%
First Paper	October 6	22%
Second Paper	November 3	25%
Third Paper	December 1	30%
Research Requirement	December 2	3%
Total		100%

Class Participation

Thoughtful questions, rigorous analysis, strong oral presentation skills, and the ability to critically evaluate alternative perspectives are crucial skills for any successful manager. Participation grades will be assigned based on each student's comments during each session. In order to benefit from the course material, you must read and analyze the assigned readings before each class session. Thorough preparation before each session will help you to consistently offer high-quality comments during the class discussions. You are encouraged to regularly contribute relevant facts, questions, interpretations, examples, terminology, frameworks, and alternative points of view during the class discussions. It is important to understand that the class participation grade is intended not just to provide me with information about your preparation and understanding of the assigned material and your persuasive abilities, but to provide you with an incentive to get involved in discussions and share your unique perspective.

Your participation will be assessed on a scale from 0 to 4 following each class session based on the following considerations:

- Does the student arrive promptly for class and participate in discussions?
- Is the student prepared to discuss consumer concepts, theories, and analytical tools? Do comments demonstrate a mastery of assigned reading material?
- Does the student contribute relevant and recognized consumer behaviour examples? Is the student able to creatively apply consumer concepts, theories, and analytical tools to real-world marketing examples?
- Do the questions and comments move the discussion forward and contribute to a learning environment? Do they promote further productive discussion?
- Is the student able to communicate effectively? Are comments presented in a clear, concise, and compelling manner?
- Does the student listen to other comments? Is the student able to build upon and evaluate other comments? Does the student learn from and show respect for other speakers and their points of view?

Keep in mind that the participation grade is not primarily a function of the quantity of participation, but of the quality of participation.

You must notify me by <u>email</u> if you plan to use a name in class that is different from the name you have on file with the registrar.

Students are expected to prepare thoroughly and make every effort to attend all class sessions. Frequent and/or unapproved absences could result in an FZ (failing grade) for class participation. In the event of widespread student or instructor absence due to illness, it is at the discretion of the instructor to modify the class participation grade assessment to ensure that students are not penalized for absences that are a direct result of an emergency.

Analysis and Application Papers

During the semester, you will be required to submit **three** Analysis and Application Papers to demonstrate that you understand the material being covered in the course and that you are able to use those concepts, frameworks, and theories to analyze challenging marketing problems and design marketing strategies.

Each paper topic will be distributed on the <u>Quercus Portal</u> two to three weeks before the paper is due (see the <u>Class Schedule</u> below for the dates that the assignment instructions will be posted and for the due dates for those assignments).

Please observe the following administrative guidelines for the Analysis and Application Papers:

- There will be a different page limit for each of the Analysis and Application Papers (between 5 and 12 pages), and these limits will be noted in the instructions for each paper. The page limits will be strictly enforced, and you will be penalized 10% for submitting text beyond the stated page limit.
- You should use a 10-point font with 1-inch margins on all sides of the paper. Please double-space the text and number the pages.
- The text of the analysis should be in prose form, and bullet points and outlines should be used sparingly.
- Your papers should provide reference lists for any sources that you use in your analyses (APA style is preferred for references). The reference list can be placed at the end of the document and will not count toward the page limit for the assignment.
- All analysis and writing must be your own (see **Academic Integrity** below).
- Put your University of Toronto student ID number on the front page of all assignments. Do not put your name on the written assignments.

The Analysis and Application Papers are intended to help you develop your communication skills. How well you communicate your ideas in writing will be considered in the evaluation of the assignments. In your written assignments, you should aim for clarity, strong organization, concision, professionalism, and correct grammar.

Support is available through the RC Centre for Professional Skills (CPS) for students who would like help or feedback on their writing or speaking (e.g., participation). CPS offers both individual and group appointments with trained writing instructors and presentation coaches who are familiar with the RC program and common types of business assignments. You can also access your college Writing Centres for help with written assignments.

You can <u>book an appointment with a writing or presentation coach</u> through the RC Centre for Professional Skills Writing Centre. For more information about writing centres, student supports, and study resources, see the <u>Writing and Presentation Coaching academic support page</u>.

Research Requirement

Marketing and Organizational Behaviour researchers run experimental studies to test theories about human behaviour. The research requirement in this course is intended to supplement the material on marketing and organizational behaviour by giving you direct exposure to research in these fields. You may fulfill this requirement by:

- 1. Participation in three hours (credits) of research studies, or
- 2. Analysis of three articles that report research studies, or
- 3. A combination of research studies and article analyses

Note that this is not an extra credit assignment. Credit-hours of participation translate into real point (percentage) values. Each credit-hour may be comprised of a single 1-credit study, two 0.5-credit studies, or an article analysis that you complete (see Student Research Participation Guide on the *Quercus Portal*). You will receive one point (1%) towards your course grade for each one-credit of research study participation you complete, up to a maximum of three points (3%) for this course.

Using Sona: Pre-registered Account and Course Registration. To participate in a research study, you will need to sign into our Rotman Behavioural Research Lab (BRL) research participation website (Sona): https://rotman.sona-systems.com/. Please add both the Sona Admin, rotman-admin@sona-systems.net, and Behavioural Research Lab, Behavioural.Lab@rotman.utoronto.ca, email addresses, to the contact list of the email account linked to your Sona account. This will ensure that registration and password reset links and important updates regarding your account and the study participation assignment are not mistakenly marked as spam.

Former Participants: If you have an existing BRL credit-pool account on Sona, you can use your previous credentials to log into Sona, and immediately, begin registering for courses as soon as they are posted.

New Users: If you do not have an existing BRL credit-pool account on Sona, your account has already been created for you by our Lab Manager. This account is linked to your "[Username]@mail.utoronto.ca" email address, and a link to complete the registration has been sent to that address.

Trouble Logging In: If you have overlooked your password registration link, or forgotten details of your log-in information, please use the "**Forgot Password**" feature on the Sona log-in page to have these credentials sent to the email linked to your Sona account (U of T email address for new users).

Please familiarize yourself with the Student Research-Participation Guide, which is available on the <u>Quercus Portal</u>. This guide, as well as the FAQ on Sona, cover all the pertinent steps and criteria for registering for studies and completing your participation requirement through either study participation or article analyses. Feel free to email the <u>Behavioural Lab</u> if you have any questions.

Participation opportunities in research studies for the fall session are anticipated to begin the week of September 12, 2022, and the final participation deadline is December 2, 2022.

Missed Assignments

Students who miss a test or assignment for reasons entirely beyond their control (e.g. illness) may request special consideration. In such cases students must:

- 1. Notify the instructor AND the Rotman Commerce Program Office **on the date** of the missed course deliverable, e.g. missed test, final assessments, assignment or class (in the case of participation marks).
- 2. Complete a <u>Request for Special Consideration Form</u> and submit it along with your Absence Declaration on <u>ACORN</u> (please read the instructions on how to use the Absence Declaration in ACORN) within **2 business days** of the originally scheduled course deliverable.

If an accommodation request is approved by the Rotman Commerce Program Office, a resolution will be determined by the instructor and may take the form of a deadline extension, alternate deliverable, reweighted course grade calculation, or another solution deemed appropriate by the instructor. If an accommodation request is not approved, the student will be given a grade of 0 (zero) for the missed course deliverable.

Late Assignments

All assignments are due before the beginning of class on the date specified in the <u>Class Schedule</u>. Late submissions will normally be penalized by 10% if the assignment is not received by the specified due date and time. A further penalty of 5% will be applied to each subsequent day after the due date.

Students who, for reasons beyond their control, are unable to submit an assignment by its deadline must obtain approval from the instructor for an extension. Supporting documentation will be required as per the policy on <u>Missed Assignments</u>.

Statement on Equity, Human Rights, and Diversity

The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights, and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where all members of our community can express themselves, engage with each other, and respect one another's differences. U of T does not condone discrimination or harassment against any persons or communities.

Commitment to Accessibility

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility and strives to provide support for, and facilitate the accommodation of, individuals with disabilities so that all may share the same level of access to opportunities and activities offered at the University.

If you require accommodations for a temporary or ongoing disability or health concern, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please email <u>Accessibility Services</u> or visit the <u>Accessibility Services website</u> for more information as soon as possible. Obtaining your accommodation letter may take up to several weeks, so get in touch with them as soon as possible. If you

have general questions or concerns about the accessibility of this course, you are encouraged to reach out to your instructor, course coordinator, or Accessibility Services.

If you're interested in helping make this course more accessible, consider volunteering to be a note taker. Accessibility Services needs dependable volunteer note takers to assist students living with a disability to achieve academic success. All you need to do is attend classes regularly and submit your notes consistently. To learn more about becoming a volunteer, please visit the *Volunteer Note-taking website*.

Ouriginal

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to the University's plagiarism detection tool for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the tool's reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of this tool are described on the <u>University's Plagiarism Detection Tool FAO</u> page from Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation.

Your written assignments will automatically be checked by Ouriginal when you submit them to the appropriate assignment submission links on the *Quercus Portal*.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is a fundamental value essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarships at the University of Toronto. Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in this academic community ensures that the University of Toronto degree that you earn will continue to be valued and respected as a true signifier of a student's individual work and academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously.

The University of Toronto's <u>Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters</u> outlines the behaviours that constitute academic misconduct, the process for addressing academic offences, and the penalties that may be imposed. You are expected to be familiar with the contents of this document. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments:

- Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
- Making up sources or facts.
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment (this includes collaborating with others on assignments that are supposed to be completed individually).

On tests and exams:

- Using or possessing any unauthorized aid, including a cell phone.
- Looking at someone else's answers
- Misrepresenting your identity.
- Submitting an altered test for re-grading.

Misrepresentation:

- Falsifying institutional documents or grades.
- Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) medical notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated by the following procedures outlined in the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*. If you have any question about what is or is not permitted in the course, please do not hesitate to contact the course instructor. If you have any questions about appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information from the instructor or other U of T or RC resources such as the RC Centre for Professional Skills, the College Writing Centres or the Academic Success Centre.

Email

At times, the course instructor may decide to communicate important course information by email. As such, all University of Toronto students are required to have a valid UTmail+ email address. You are responsible for ensuring that your UTmail+ email address is set up and properly entered on <u>ACORN</u>. For more information, please visit the <u>Information Commons Help Desk</u>.

Forwarding your @utoronto.ca email to Gmail or other type of email account is not advisable. In some cases, messages from @utoronto.ca addresses sent to Gmail accounts are filtered as junk mail, which means that important messages from the course instructor may end up in your spam or junk mail folder.

Recording Lectures

Lectures and course materials prepared by the instructor are considered by the University to be an instructor's intellectual property covered by the Canadian Copyright Act. Students wishing to record a lecture or other course material in any way are required to request the instructor's explicit permission and may not do so unless permission is granted in writing. This includes tape recording, filming, photographing PowerPoint slides, portal materials, etc. Students who have been previously granted permission to record lectures as an accommodation for a disability are, of course, excepted.

If permission is granted by the instructor (or via Accessibility Services), it is intended for the individual student's own study purposes and does not include permission to "publish" them in anyway. It is absolutely forbidden for a student to publish an instructor's slides or notes to a website or sell them in any other form without written permission from the instructor.

Each session of this course, including your participation, will be recorded on video and will be available to students in the course for viewing remotely and after each session. Course videos and materials belong to your instructor, the University, and/or other source depending on the specific facts of each situation and are protected by copyright. In this course, you are permitted to view session videos and download other course material for your own academic use, but you should not copy, share, or use them for any other purpose without the explicit permission of the instructor.

Regardless of the stated policies on recording above, your instructor may at any time decide to suspend recording the class sessions for any reason, including privacy concerns, intellectual property issues, lack of attendance, or pedagogical preference.

For questions about recording and use of videos in which you appear, please contact your instructor.

Useful Links

- Become a Volunteer Note Taker
- Accessibility Services Note Taking Support
- Credit / No-Credit in RSM courses
- Rotman Commerce Academic Support

Printed URL links

- Book an appointment with a writing or presentation coach: http://uoft.me/writingcentres
- Writing and Presentation Coaching academic support page: https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/academic-support/writing-and-presentation-coaching/
- Centre for Professional Skills Teamwork Resources page: https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/teamwork-resources
- Book an appointment with a Teamwork Mentor: http://uoft.me/writingcentres
- Request for Special Consideration Form: https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/forms-requests-and-appeals/forms/
- ACORN: http://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/
- Email Accessibility Services: <u>accessibility.services@utoronto.ca</u>
- Accessibility Services website: http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/as
- University's Plagiarism Detection Tool FAQ: https://uoft.me/pdt-faq
- The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm
- University of Toronto's University Assessment and Grading Practices Policy: https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/grading-practices-policy-university-assessment-and-january-1-2020
- Information Commons Help Desk: http://help.ic.utoronto.ca/category/3/utmail.html
- Become a volunteer note taker: https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/program/volunteer-note-taking/
- Accessibility Services Note Taking Support: https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/service/note-taking-support/
- Credit / No-Credit in RSM courses: https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/degree-requirements/credit-no-credit-option/
- Rotman Commerce Academic Support: https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/current-students/academic-support/

Class Schedule

You are expected to read the assigned material *before* each class session begins.

Session	Date	Topic and Assignment
1	September 8	Introduction to Consumer Behaviour Solomon, Ch. 1 Martin, "The Age of Customer Capitalism," <i>Harvard Business Review</i> , Jan-Feb 2010, Reprint R1001B ^{HBS} Gladwell, "The Science of Shopping," <i>The New Yorker</i> , 4 Nov 1996
2	September 15	Cultural Influences on Consumer Behaviour Solomon, Ch. 14, 15 Hofstede, "Geert Hofstede Introduces Dimensions of Societal Culture," online video (Youtube) Hofstede Insights, "Country Comparison Tool," interactive website De Mooij, "Tailoring Your Strategy to Fit the Culture," IESE Insight, 2010, Issue 5, Second Quarter, pp. 23-30, Reprint IIR026 ^{HBS} First paper instructions available after class
3	September 22	Social Influences on Consumer Behaviour Solomon, Ch. 11 Knox et al., "Harnessing the Power of Advocacy Marketing" Boston Consulting Group Frontline PBS, "How the Hunger Games Uses You to Advertise," online video (YouTube) Hoffman & Fodor, "Can You Measure the ROI of Your Social Media Marketing?" MIT Sloan Management Review, Fall 2010, Vol. 52, No. 1, pp. 41-49, Reprint SMR363 Heath & Heath, "What Sticks?" Made to Stick
4	September 29	Consumer Demographics and Psychographics Solomon, Ch. 13, 6

HBS Reading material with this notation can be found in the required course package available from Harvard Business School (see <u>Electronic Course Materials</u>).

CB Insights, "What Is Psychographics? Understanding The Tech That Threatens Elections," Research Briefs, published online 6 May 2020

5 October 6

Consumer Motivation, Involvement, and Emotion

Solomon, Ch. 4

Hawkins, "Mini-Lecture: Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs," online video

Hawkins, "Mini-Lecture: McGuire's Model of Needs," online video

Almquist et al., "The Elements of Value: Measuring—and Delivering—What Consumers Really Want," *Harvard Business Review*, Sep 2016, Reprint R1609CHBS

Bain & Co., "The Elements of Value," interactive website (Bain & Co.)

First paper must be submitted before the beginning of class

6 October 13

Consumer Learning

Solomon, Ch. 3 (pp. 65-77)

Hawkins, "Mini-Lecture Video: Conditioning Theories of Learning," online video

Gamify, <u>Top 7 Gamification in Marketing Examples</u>, *online video (Youtube)*

7 October 20

Consumer Perception

Solomon, Ch. 2

Simons, "The Monkey Business Illusion," online video (Youtube)

Mindshift Digital Marketing, "How to Utilize Sensory Marketing," online video (Youtube)

Krishna, "Note on Sensory Marketing: Shaping Consumer Perception and Behavior," *WDI Publishing at the University* of Michigan, Reprint W01C76-PDF-ENG^{HBS}

Hague, "Bottled Influence," Globe & Mail, 11 Sep 2014

Singer, "Your Online Attention, Bought in an Instant," *New York Times*, 17 Nov 2012

Second paper instructions available after class

8 October 27

Consumer Knowledge and Memory

Solomon, Ch. 3 (pp. 77-91)

Hawkins, "Mini-Lecture: Multiple Store Theory of Memory," online video

Zaltman, "Co-Creation: Harvesting the Unconscious to Create Value for Business and Society," *Rotman Magazine*, Winter 2011, pp. 41-45, Reprint ROT130^{HBS}

Brown, "Subliminal Advertising [?]," online video (YouTube)

9 November 3 Consumer Attitudes

Solomon, Ch. 7

Second paper must be submitted before the beginning of class

Third paper instructions available after class

November 7-11 Fall Reading Week (no classes)

10 November 17 Consumer Persuasion

Solomon, Ch. 8

Cialdini, "Harnessing the Science of Persuasion," *Harvard Business Review*, Oct 2001, Reprint R0109D^{HBS}

Cialdini & Martin, "Science of Persuasion," online video (YouTube)

Birkett, "Cialdini's 7th Persuasion Principle: Using Unity in Online Marketing," CXL, published 07 Sep 2016

11 November 24 Consumer Decision Making

Solomon, Ch. 9

Goldstein, Johnson, Herrmann, & Heitmann, "Nudge Your Customers Toward Better Choices," *Harvard Business Review*, Dec 2008, Reprint R0812H^{HBS}

12 December 1 Consumer Shopping Experiences

Solomon, Ch. 10

Third paper must be submitted before the beginning of class

Please note that the last day you can drop this course without academic penalty is November 16, 2022.