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# Spring, 2018 Calendar

Additional readings may be assigned throughout the semester. Readings, forms, the syllabus, slide presentations and a copy of this schedule are found at the class website: http://www.fashionintelligence.org/cua-consumer-behavior

- Highlighted items are the deliverables due on that date. Readings which should be completed by a class date are not highlighted but listed both here and on the class website.
- Sindicates that your electronics must be stowed away throughout class time. Otherwise, electronics are only to be used as directed by the instructor. It is recommended that note-taking be completed on paper.

#### Class #1/ Monday, January 8, Orientation and Introductions/ Explanation of the Spending Journal

# Class #2 / Wednesday, January 10

Electronics Honor Statement and Data Card due (hard copies).

**Introduction to Consumer Behavior and Marketing** 

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapter 1, 4-23 Hawkins and Mothersbaugh
- Article: The Museum of Failure Dishes on the World's Worst Products of All Time, Forbes (Why do products fail?) <a href="https://www.forbes.com/sites/eustaciahuen/2017/04/30/the-museum-of-failure-dishes-on-the-worst-products-of-all-time/#f4ea8ed609c2">https://www.forbes.com/sites/eustaciahuen/2017/04/30/the-museum-of-failure-dishes-on-the-worst-products-of-all-time/#f4ea8ed609c2</a>
- Article: Sociological Theories of Consumerism and Consumption, Revise Sociology, https://revisesociology.com/2016/10/12/sociological-theories-of-consumerism-and-consumption/

# NO CLASS / Monday, January 15, M.L. King Day

# Class #3 / Wednesday, January 17

Bring in Spending Journal to share. (Must be on paper.)

Overview of the Nature of Consumer Behavior/ The Meaning of Consumption / Sharing of Spending Journal (5 entries minimum due today)

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapter 1, 24-30
- Article: Why Most Product Launches Fail, Harvard Business Review, <a href="https://hbr.org/2011/04/why-most-product-launches-fail">https://hbr.org/2011/04/why-most-product-launches-fail</a>
- Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church 358, 359, 360 (Centesimus Annus), and 486 and 487 (Centesimus Annus and Address to UN) (Explain how the human person is more than a consumer)
- Laudato Si, Chapter Six, especially sections I and II. (Why worry about sustainability?

# Class #4 / Monday, January 22

#### **Brands assigned / Brand Positioning / Brand Work Begins**

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Article: A Few Words About Jack Trout and Positioning, Advertising Age, <a href="http://adage.com/article/al-ries/a-words-jack-trout-positioning/309341/">http://adage.com/article/al-ries/a-words-jack-trout-positioning/309341/</a>
  (Who exactly was Jack Trout?)
- Article: The Fifty Most Iconic Brand Logos of all Time, Complex <a href="http://www.complex.com/style/2013/03/the-50-most-iconic-brand-logos-of-all-time/">http://www.complex.com/style/2013/03/the-50-most-iconic-brand-logos-of-all-time/</a>
  - (Characterize the evolution of the brand logo. What does that say about product positioning?)
- Article: Dunkin' Donuts wants to leave a doughnut-sized hole in its name, The Washington Post
   https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/business/wp/2017/08/04/dunkin-donuts-wants-to-leave-a-doughnut-sized-hole-in-its-name/?tid=ss\_fb&utm\_term=.be439560a6ac



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#### Class #5 / Wednesday, January 24

Topic for Semester Research Project / Submit form on line http://www.fashionintelligence.org/cb-semesterresearch-project

Overview of External Influences /Cross-Cultural Variations in Consumer Behavior/Brand Work Readings to have completed by class today:

• Chapter 2, H&M

# Class #6 / Monday, January 29

The Changing American Society: Values / Brand Work

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapter 3, H&M
- Article: 21 Charts That Explain American Values Today, The Atlantic https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/06/21-charts-that-explain-american-values-today/258990/ (Who conducted the research? What were the questions they asked?)

#### Class #7 / Wednesday January 31

The Changing American Society: Demographics / The Changing American Society: Subcultures /Brand Work

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapters 4 and 5, H&M
- Article: American Generation Fast Facts, CNN http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/06/us/baby-boomer-generationfast-facts/index.html (According to these measures, from what generation are you? Your parents? Your grandparents?)
- Article: Your Guide to Generation Z: The Frugal, Brand-Wary, Determined Anti Millennials https://www.fastcompany.com/3062475/your-quide-to-generation-z-the-frugal-brand-wary-determined-antimillen

Also: Be sure to review the Score Sheet for the Brand Presentations.

#### Class #8 / Monday, February 5

Brand Presentations begin today. Send your visuals and handout (with bibliography on back to warrenms@cua.edu before the start of class today.

# Class #9 / Wednesday, February 7

Brand Presentations continue.



#### Class #10 / Monday, February 12

The American Society: Families and Households / Group Influences on Consumer Behavior Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapters 6 and 7, H&M
- Article: Sorry, Nobody Wants Your Parents' Stuff, Next Avenue, <a href="http://www.nextavenue.org/nobody-wants-">http://www.nextavenue.org/nobody-wants-</a> parents-stuff/
- Article: When the Gospel of Minimalism Collides with Daily Life, New York Times, https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/29/style/when-the-gospel-of-minimalism-collides-with-daily-life.html

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Class #11 / Wednesday, February 14

Sources for Semester Research Project due as PDF by the start of class to warrenms@cua.edu.

Overview of Internal Influences: Perception, Learning, Memory, and Product Positioning /Small Group Sharing of Findings from Semester Research Project (You will both give and get feedback.)
Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapters 8 and 9, H&M
- Article and Videos: When People Pay Attention to Ads and Why <a href="https://hbr.org/2015/10/when-people-pay-attention-to-video-ads-and-why">https://hbr.org/2015/10/when-people-pay-attention-to-video-ads-and-why</a>

# Class #12 / Tuesday, February 20

Motivation, Personality, and Emotion; Attitudes and Influencing Attitudes

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapters 10 and 11, H&M
- Article: New Research: Targeted Ads Can Improve Click-through Rates by 670%, American Marketing
   Association <a href="https://www.ama.org/publications/eNewsletters/Marketing-News-Weekly/Pages/targeted-ads-can-improve-click-through-rates-by-670.aspx">https://www.ama.org/publications/eNewsletters/Marketing-News-Weekly/Pages/targeted-ads-can-improve-click-through-rates-by-670.aspx</a>
   (What are the ethical implications?)

# Class #13 / Wednesday, February 21

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# Class #14 / Monday, February 26

Self Concept and Lifestyle / Craft Consumer Insights Questions

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapter 12, H&M
- Article: Consumption and the Self-Concept, Journal of Media and Culture <a href="http://journal.media-culture.org.au/0210/Pettigrew.php">http://journal.media-culture.org.au/0210/Pettigrew.php</a>

(Do you agree with the idea that there is a shift for sources of self concept which Pettigrew describes?)

#### Class #15 / Wednesday, February 28

The Consumer /Overview of Consumer Decision Process / Small Group Sharing of Findings From Semester Research Project (You will both give and get feedback.)

Readings to have completed by class today:

Evangelium Vitae, point 2 "The Incomparable Worth of the Human Person,
 http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\_jp-ii\_enc\_25031995\_evangelium-vitae.htm

NO CLASS / SPRING BREAK, March 5 and March 7





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#### Class #16 / Monday, March 12

#### **Situational Influences**

Readings to have completed by class today:

- Chapter 13, H&M
- Article: More Isn't Always Better (HBR) <a href="https://hbr.org/2006/06/more-isnt-always-better">https://hbr.org/2006/06/more-isnt-always-better</a>

#### Class #17 / Wednesday, March 14

#### **Problem Recognition**

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 14, H&M
- Video: Ikea's New Ad Tries to Fix Relationships It Might Have Broken Up, http://fortune.com/2016/12/09/ikea-retail-therapy-campaign/

#### Class #18 / Monday, March 19

#### **Information Search**

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 15, H&M
- Article: How Google Came to Dominate Search And What The Future Holds, Forbes
- <a href="https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesagencycouncil/2017/06/05/how-google-came-to-dominate-search-and-what-the-future-holds/#339257a43872">https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesagencycouncil/2017/06/05/how-google-came-to-dominate-search-and-what-the-future-holds/#339257a43872</a>
  (What's the downside to this dominance?)

# Class #19 / Wednesday, March 21

# Ci #1 due as pdf file labeled name, ci1 to warrenms@cua.edu.

# Alternative Evaluation and Selection / Small Group Sharing of Ci#1's

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 16, H&M
- Article: The Value of Customer Reviews and Brand Reputation, American Marketing Association
   <u>https://www.ama.org/events-training/Conferences/Pages/luke-wycoff-value-customer-reviews.aspx</u>
   (Have you ever reviewed a product on-line? Did you get feedback from the company?)

# Class #20 / Monday, March 26

# Outlet Selection and Purchase / Small Group Sharing of Findings from Semester Research Project (You will both give and get feedback.)

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 17, H&M
- Video: Smarter Supermarket Shopping with Paco Underhill, AARP Washington https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RghUwYUHDUA

# Class #21 / Wednesday, March 28

#### Ci #2 due as pdf file labeled name,ci2 to warrenms@cua.edu.

#### Post-Purchase Processes / Small Group Sharing of Ci#2's

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 18 H&M
- Article: Cultivating Brand Loyalty in Even the Toughest Customer, New York Times,

https://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/06/business/media/cultivating-brand-loyalty-in-even-the-toughest-customer.html

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NO CLASS / EASTER MONDAY, Monday, April 2

# Class #22 / Wednesday, April 4

Ci #3 due as pdf file labeled name, ci3 to warrenms@cua.edu.

Overview of Organizations as Consumers / Small Group Sharing of Ci#3's

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 19, H&M
- Video: Saturday Night Live Meeting, NBC, <a href="http://www.nbc.com/saturday-night-live/video/snl-digital-short-business-meeting/n12124?snl=1">http://www.nbc.com/saturday-night-live/video/snl-digital-short-business-meeting/n12124?snl=1</a>

#### Class #23 / Monday, April 9

**Consumer Behavior and Marketing Regulation** 

Readings to have completed by today:

- Chapter 20, H&M
- Website: Explore the site for the Federal Trade Commission, especially the page on Advertising and Marketing, <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/advertising-and-marketing">https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/advertising-and-marketing</a>

# Class #24 / Wednesday, April 11

Ci #4 due as pdf file labeled name, ci4 to warrenms@cua.edu.

Small Group Sharing of Ci#4's/ Small Group Sharing of Findings from Semester Research Project (You will both give and get feedback.)

#### Class #25 / Monday, April 16

Semester Research Project Presentations / Submit visuals and handout with bibliography on back to warrenms@cua.edu by the start of class today.

Class #26 / Wednesday, April 18

Semester Research Project Presentations

Class #27 / Monday, April 23

Semester Research Project Presentations

NO CLASS / Wednesday April 25

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