

Curriculum - 2017 BBA Hons (Marketing) Degree Program Faculty of Management and Finance University of Ruhuna

# MKT 31503: Consumer Behavior

## Level: 3000

Number of Credits : 03

## **Course Description**

Consumer behavior is the study of the decision making process and physical activities of individuals or groups in searching, buying, using, assessing and disposing products. This course focuses on relevant behavioral theories and practices required to understand different consumer behavioral patterns in developing effective marketing strategies.

## **Intended Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the course, the student will be able to;

- Understand the basic concepts and theories relevant to consumer behavior,
- Apply the knowledge of consumer behavior to formulate and implement marketing strategies,
- Analyze the consumer behavior patterns from different perspectives.

## **Teaching/Learning Methods**

Lectures, Group discussions, Workshops

## **Methods of Assessment**

In-course Assessments	: 30%
End Semester Examination	: 70%

## **Course Contents**

- 1. Introduction to consumer behavior
- 2. Consumer motivation
- 3. Consumer personality
- 4. Consumer perception
- 5. Consumer learning
- 6. Consumer attitude formation and change
- 7. Persuading consumers
- 8. Reference groups and word-of-mouth
- 9. The family and its social standing
- 10. Social class and consumer
- 11. Culture and consumer
- 12. Sub culture and consumer
- 13. Consumer decision-making
- 14. Diffusion of innovations

## **Recommended Reading**

1. Schiffman, L. G., & Wisenblit, J. (2015). Consumer Behavior (11thed.). Pearson Education.