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COURSE NUMBER: MKTG 240 CREDITS: 3

PREREQUISITE: MKTG 210 ECTS CREDITS: 6

OFFERED: FALL & SPRING SEMESTER HOURS: 45

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- Consumer psychographics; Consumer perception
- Learning & consumer involvement
- The nature of Consumer attitudes; Consumer attitude formation & change
- Communication & consumer behavior; Group dynamics & Consumer reference groups
- The Family; Social Class & Consumer Behavior
- The Influence of culture on consumer behavior
- Subcultural aspects of consumer behavior; Cross-cultural consumer behavior
- Personal influences; Consumer decision making
- Marketing Ethics & Public policy considerations

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