

MDSE 2750
Consumers in a Global Market
Spring 2026 8 W1

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Cross-cultural comparisons using systems, human needs, and consumer behavior frameworks are integrated with critical and creative thinking processes to develop a global perspective that is sensitive to diverse consumers' needs and preferences for products and services in a global market.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Identify market system forces including economic, social, political, symbolic and physical environments.
2. Discuss systems of global diversity, human needs and how they relate to consumer behavioral patterns regarding clothing and other products.
3. Define global interdependence and the factors influencing global consumer markets.
4. Articulate commonalities and differences between culture.
5. Classify global trends of lifestyle, consumption of apparel and other products, and market changes based on analysis of market trends.
6. Identify creative thinking in a diverse global society.
7. Articulate your understanding of global consumer markets in a professional manner through your writing and interactions with fellow classmates.

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Students must know their EUID and password to access the course Canvas
or Canvas -mail (Preferred e-mail method)
E-mails will be checked and replied every Monday and Wednesday mornings.
Office Hours: Mon: 11am- 1 pm or Zoom office hours by appointment
Text: No textbook is required for the course.
Course materials will be provided on Canvas and other readings will be assigned.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Announcement and Materials

- Weekly announcement (e.g., assignments, schedule changes) will be made on every Monday 6 AM. It is an individual student's responsibility to check and comply all announcements that are made on the course Announcement
- Weekly assigned modules will be available on every Monday 6:00 AM under Modules.

Online Class Attendance

- Online class attendance will be checked by a self-test for each module. Self-tests (10 pts) will be placed at the end of each module. You can attempt self-tests for multiple times in order to get correct answers with full 10 pts. Self-test will not be available to take after the assigned week.
- A student failing to check and comply an announcement will be considered as not attending the online course for one week. No late assignment will be accepted and no make-up exam will be allowed to take after a week of the original due date.

Assignments

- Late assignments will ***be penalized 10% for each class calendar day.***
- No excuse will be allowed for a late assignment and will not be accepted after a week of the original due date, resulting in a “0”.
- All written assignments must be typed, double-spaced, one inch margin on all sides, and 12-point font.

AI Policy

Submitting assignments that use Generative AI without proper citation or indication of its use is plagiarism. It is a substitute for your own creative thought and effort. Your brain continues to develop and make connections throughout your life; train your brain, not AI. Dr. Yang will monitor AI use and will check students' work for ethical use according to the following policies.

- More than 30% of AI generated content used in your work without any citations will be considered plagiarism and no credit will be given to the assignment.
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-Reference:

Name of the Generative AI Platform. (year). *Name of the Generative AI Tool* (date version) [Large language model]. The URL for the Generative AI Tool

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-In-text citation: (OpenAI, 2023)

-Reference:

OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (Mar 14 version) [Large language model]
<https://chat.openai.com/chat>

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- To protect student data privacy, students are prohibited from the submission of personally identifying information to Generative AI.

Makeup Exams

- Makeup exams will be only given if a student contacts the instructor ***prior to the exam time.*** Students are required to provide sufficient paperwork (e.g., hospital admittance papers, funeral program, and court appearance) to the instructor.
- **A missed exam** without an excused absence will be ***penalized 20 pts for the exam in taking a makeup exam.***

- There will be no make-up exam for the final exam.

Grade Determination

- **Self-Test (10 pts each/120 total pts):** Self-test will be used to check your online class attendance. Self-test will be assigned for each module and you can take as many as possible for getting full pts.
- **Discussion (10 pts each/ 60 total pts):** Discussions will be assigned to selected modules.
- **Country Analysis Project (100 pts):** Comparative analysis of global consumers and global markets.
- **Topical Research Project (50 pts):** Research for trends and issues in a global market.
- **Country Analysis Project Discussion (30 pts):** Discussion postings for comparative analysis for each country will be required for students to enhance critical thinking and broaden global perspectives.
- **Topical Research Project Discussion (20 pts):** Discussions postings for topical research project will be required for students to deepen their understanding of the topic and issues.
- **Exams (100 pts each/ 300 total pts):** Exam questions are derived from course materials, discussions, and assignments.

| Course Activity | Possible Points | Due Date |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Module Self-Test | 120 | |
| Discussions | 60 | |
| Country Analysis Project | 100 | 2/8 |
| Topical Research Project | 50 | 2/22 |
| Country Analysis Project Discussion | 30 | |
| Topical Research Project Discussion | 20 | |
| Exam 1 | 100 | 1/26-2/1 |
| Exam 2 | 100 | 2/9-2/15 |
| Final Exam | 100 | 3/2-3/6 |
| Total | 680 | |

Grading scale: Grades are not curved. The final semester grade will be determined as follows:

- A = 90-100% (612 pts-680 pts)
- B = 80-89.9% (544 pts-611 pts)
- C = 70-79.9% (476 pts-543 pts)
- D = 60-69.9% (408 pts-475 pts)
- F = 59.9% or below (407 pts or under)

| Consumers in a Global Market: MDSE 2750- 8 Week Spring 2026 Tentative Course Schedule | | | |
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| Week | Date | Online Chapters and Materials | Readings/ Assignment |
| 1 | 1/12- 1/18 | Introduction to the course Module 1. Globalization of Consumer Market Module 2. Global Market Trends | Modules 1 & 2 self-quizzes Discussion 1: Advantages and Disadvantages of Globalization |
| 2 | 1/19 - 1/25 | Module 3. Culture and Consumer Behavior Module 4. Consumer Needs and Global Market Country Analysis Project Guideline | Modules 3 & 4 self-quizzes Discussion 2: How Global Mega-trends Evolve? |
| 3 | 1/26 - 2/1 | Exam 1 (Modules 1- 4): Available to take between 12:01 am, 1/26-2/1 11:59 pm, 11/2, CST Module 5. Global Market Segmentation | Module 5 self-quiz |
| 4 | 2/2 - 2/8 | Module 6. Approach to Global Markets Module 7. Global Fashion Retailing and Tourism Topical Research Project Guideline | Modules 6 & 7 self-quizzes Discussion 3: Suggestions for Walmart to be Succeeded in Germany. Country Analysis Project Due (Feb 8) |
| 5 | 2/9 - 2/15 | Module 8. Global Branding Country Analysis Project Discussion Exam 2 (Modules 5 - 8): Available to take between 12:01 am, 2/9- 11:59 pm, 2/15 CST | Module 8 self-quiz Discussion 4: Country of Origin Effects Country Analysis Project Discussion |
| 6 | 2/16- 2/22 | Module 9. Technology and Global Market Innovation Module 10. Global Market Management | Modules 9 & 10 self-quizzes Discussion 5: Product Adaptation Topical Research Project Due (Feb 22) |
| 7 | 2/23 - 3/1 | Module 11. Global Consumerism Topical Research Project Discussion (Topic Group Discussion) | Module 11 self-quiz Discussion 6: Corporate Social Responsibility Topical Research Project Discussion |
| 8 | 3/2- 3/6 | Module 12. Challenges for Going Global Final exam (Modules 9 -12) Available to take between 12:01 am, 3/2- 11:59 pm, 3/6, CST | Module 12 self-quiz Course Reflection (Extra Credit 10 pts) |