

# **Consumer Behavior**

Unit Two: The Consumer Learning Process

### Course Layout and Overview

#### Ten units

- Unit One: Introduction to Consumer Behavior
- Unit Two: The Consumer Learning Process
- Unit Three: Understanding the Consumer
- Unit Four: Influencing Consumer Attitudes
- Unit Five: The Purchasing Process
- Unit Six: Consumer Analysis and Marketing Strategy
- Unit Seven: The Effects of Consumer Groups
- Unit Eight: The Influences of Class, Ethnicity and Age
- Unit Nine: Cultural Influences
- Unit Ten: Informing Marketing Strategy



## Unit Two Learning Outcomes

- Identify why it is important for marketers to understand how consumers learn about products and services
- Explain that learned associations can generalize to other insights, and why this is important to marketers
- Compare the differences between classical and instrumental conditioning
- Explain why it's important for marketers to recognize that products can satisfy a range of consumer needs
- Evaluate how the way we assess and choose a product depends upon our degree of involvement with the product, the marketing message, and/or the purchase situation



#### Why are Learning Outcomes Important?

- > Every learning outcome ties back to course materials and content.
- > Assessments are tied to each learning outcome.
- Test preparation



#### Unit Two Overview Topics

- Understanding how consumers learn about products and services
- Learned associations lead to other insights
- Classical and instrumental conditioning differences
- Products that satisfy a range of consumer needs
- Marketing degree of involvement



### **Consumer Learning Process Vocabulary**

- Behavioral learning theory
- Classical conditioning
- Cognitive learning theory
- Consumer involvement
- Consumer learning process
- Consumer needs
- Instrumental conditioning
- Learned association
- Marketing message
- Purchasing decisions



## Understanding How Consumers Learn about Products and Services

- > Ways a consumer may learn about a product
  - Friends
  - > Social media
  - > Reviews
  - Coworkers
  - > Celebrity endorsements
  - > TV
- Consumer learning process
- Consumer involvement levels
  - > High involvement
  - Low involvement



### Learned Associations Lead to Other Insights

- Learned associations
  - Positive associations
  - Negative associations
- Cognitive learning theory



#### Classical and Instrumental Conditioning Differences

- > Behavioral learning theory
- Classical conditioning
- Instrumental conditioning



# **Classical Conditioning**

Before Conditioning





During Conditioning



After Conditioning





### Products that Satisfy a Range of Consumer Needs

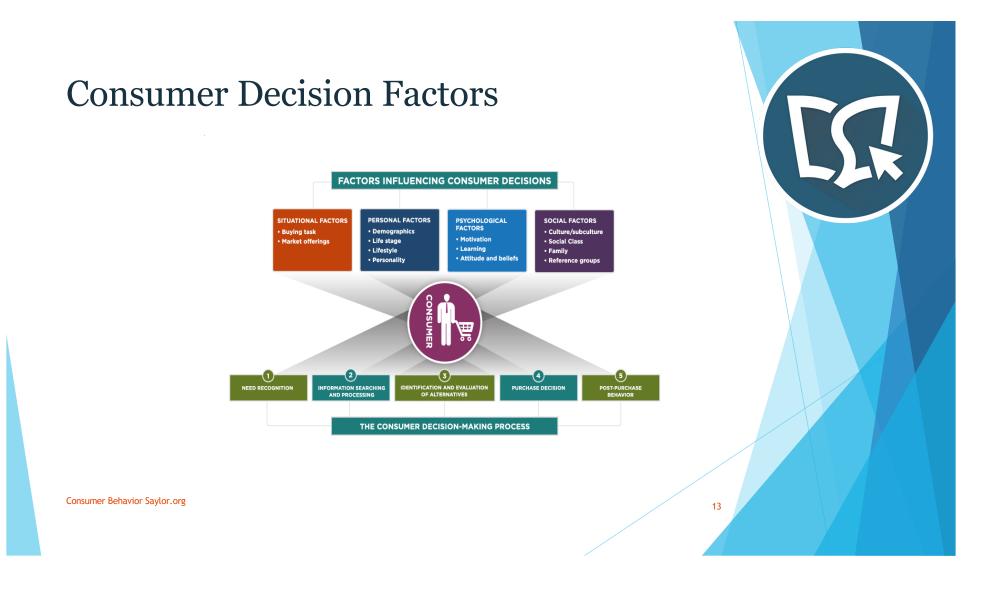
- Consumer needs
- Products that solve more than one need or problem
- > Marketing should demonstrate the diversity of a product



# Marketing Degree of Involvement

- > Expanded consumer choices
- Level of involvement
- Purchasing decisions
- > The marketing message





#### Conclusion

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### What's Next?

Unit Three: Understanding the Consumer

