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The University of Montana – Missoula

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Course Syllabus

Course Name and Title: BUS 113T Psychology of Selling

Text: All Materials will be available online

Date revised: Fall Semester 2005

Prerequisites: None

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Course Description: Development of selling techniques which are used by many of the world's best companies and explanation of why they work. Includes the psychological reasons that prevent a prospect from purchasing a product or service and the techniques to motivate them to buy.

Course Objectives: This course will provide students an understanding of the relating process and techniques to overcome buyer's resistance.

Students Will:

- 1. Develop an understanding of the psychological process involved in sales relationships.
- 2. Demonstrate the skills related to secure lifelong sales relationships.
- 3. Create sales presentations that address known areas of consumer resistance.
- 4. Demonstrate and apply the techniques used in the counselor sales approach.
- 5. Demonstrate effective techniques for presenting the features and benefits each product or service offers.
- 6. Interview sales professionals and communicate different styles to the class.

Course Outline

- I. Introduction
 - a. Your Sales Personality
 - b. Problems Facing Sales Today
- II. The Relating Process
 - a. Recognizing "No Trust"
 - b. Skills for Building Credibility
- III. The Discovery Process
 - a. Recognizing "No Need"
 - b. Motives for Buying
 - c. Questioning and Listening Skills
- IV. The Advocating Process
 - a. Recognizing "No Help"
 - b. Developing Task and Personal Appeals
 - c. Delivery Skills
- V. The Supporting Process
 - a. Recognizing "No Hurry"
 - b. Skills to Reduce Tension
 - c. Skills to Support the Decision Process

VI. Consumer Perception

Grading:

Students' final grade will be based upon cumulative quiz/test scores, case studies, special projects and assigned work. Unless special circumstances exist, students will receive no credit for assigned work submitted after the due date. A student may not pass this course if the final exam is not taken on the assigned date.

Grading Scale:

90-100%	A
80-89%	В
70-79%	C
69-64%	D
<63%	F