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### **Course Description**

Customer relationship management (CRM) is an approach to manage a company's interaction with current and potential customers. It helps us to understand customers' buying behaviour and history with a company to improve business relationships with customers, specifically focusing on customer retention and ultimately driving sales growth.

CRM helps companies to focus on acquiring, retaining, and winning back customers. It highlights the need to move from merely satisfying customers to building strong bonds with them.

The course will help us to understand the delicate balance of the importance between the hardware (technologies) and the heartware (the people factor).

Firms today face marketing challenges that cross traditional functional boundaries:

- How do I attract and retain profitable customers, and manage customer churn?
- How do I build my business without resorting to endless price promotions?
- What's most important to my customers?
- How to keep current customers happy and make sure that they do not switch to the competitors?
- How do I manage the various customer service touchpoints?
- How do I "wow" the service experience?

### **Course Objectives**

This course in **Customer Relationship Management** aims to achieve the following:

1. understand the role and importance of CRM in the business world
2. know and apply customer satisfaction audit, customer acquisition & retention management, customer equity, customer experience management and customer journey map as it is practiced today through discussions, role plays, scenario and case based learning
3. learn through best practices and the tools & skills needed for effective CRM

### **Assessment Components**

*(exact details to be provided when the semester commences)*

Individual assessments	60%
Group assessments	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **References and Readings**

You are not required to purchase a textbook for this course.

Instead, you will be expected to read widely. A list of recommended readings and references will be provided to enhance your understanding of the topics covered.

### **ACADEMIC HONESTY & PLAGIARISM**

Academic integrity and honesty is essential for the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. The University and School expect every student to uphold academic integrity & honesty at all times. Academic dishonesty is any misrepresentation with the intent to deceive, or failure to acknowledge the source, or falsification of information, or inaccuracy of statements, or cheating at examinations/tests, or inappropriate use of resources.

Plagiarism is 'the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own' (The New Oxford Dictionary of English). The University and School will not condone plagiarism. Students should adopt this rule - You have the obligation to make clear to the assessor which is your own work, and which is the work of others. Otherwise, your assessor is entitled to assume that everything being presented for assessment is being presented as entirely your own work. This is a minimum standard. **In case of any doubts, you should consult your instructor.**

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