

**BMK 51 Course Outline as of Fall 2008****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: BMK 51 Title: PRINCIPLES OF SELLING  
 Full Title: Principles of Selling  
 Last Reviewed: 11/14/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	17.5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

Principles and methods of personal selling: preparation for selling, the selling process and introduction to sales management. Behavioral aspects of selling: sociological and psychological theories of consumer motivation, behavior and perception. Includes lectures, discussions, demonstrations and practice in sales presentations.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

**AS Degree:** Area Effective: Inactive:

**CSU GE:** Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**IGETC:** Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**CSU Transfer:** Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

**UC Transfer:** Effective: Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**Outcomes and Objectives:**

1. Appraise the wide range of career opportunities and employment settings available in the field of selling.
2. Describe the relationship between personal selling and a marketing concept.
3. Assemble organized prospect information and formulate a routing plan devised to manage cost of developing and/or maintaining relationships.
4. Evaluate a sales presentation and propose solutions to buyer concerns or problems.
5. Assess a customer's buying behavior and assemble a customer strategy.
6. Compare and contrast sales negotiation and closing a sale.
7. Critique strategies for successful sales management.
8. Examine the importance of assessing sales force productivity.

**Topics and Scope:**

- A. Personal selling overview
  1. technology's changing impact on business
  2. personal selling as an extension of the marketing concept
  3. historical overview of selling
  4. selling careers
  5. employment settings
    - a. trade
    - b. missionary
    - c. technical
    - d. new-business
    - e. retail

- f. teleselling
- B. Professionalism
  - 1. importance of ethical conduct
  - 2. misrepresentation and breach of warranty
  - 3. privacy laws
- C. Buyer behavior
- D. Verbal and non-verbal strategies for success
- E. Relationship selling
- F. Successful prospecting
  - a. prospecting and sales forecasting plan
  - b. sources of prospects
  - c. preapproach to individual and organizational customers
  - d. establishing a plan and maintaining records
- G. Customer strategy
  - 1. complex nature of customer behavior
  - 2. alignment with customer's buying process
  - 3. problem recognition
    - a. handling objections
    - b. customer needs
    - c. buying motivations
- H. Presentation
  - 1. presentation preapproach objectives
  - 2. audio-visual aids
  - 3. strategies for effective presentations
- I. Sales negotiation
- J. Closing the sale
- K. Retail selling
- L. Self-management
- M. Managing the sales force
- N. Selling yourself

**Assignment:**

1. Reading assignments of between 20-27 pages per week
2. Case study analyses (3-5 pages each)
3. Market research
4. Group or individual oral sales presentation
5. Written sales report of not less than six pages
6. In-class written assignment
7. Quizzes (3-5)
8. Role-play interviews
9. Final exam

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Sales report, in-class written assignment
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Writing 10 - 20%
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**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Case studies, research

Problem solving  
20 - 30%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Role-playing interviews, oral presentation

Skill Demonstrations  
10 - 20%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false

Exams  
20 - 30%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Class participation

Other Category  
5 - 15%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Personal Selling. Marks, Ron. Atomic Dog Publishing: 2006