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COURSE SYLLABUS

SESSION	DATE	TOPIC	READINGS/ASSIGNMENT
1	9/21	Accelerating Sales Force Performance	Read Chapters 1 and 2: A Blueprint for Sales Force Excellence
2	9/28	Sales Force Productivity Assessment Sales Force Design	Case Analysis: Milford Industries (A, B, C) Read Chapter 3: Sales Strategies That Win with Customers Read Chapter 4: Sizing Your Sales Force for Long-Term Success Read: Match Your Sales Force Structure to Your Business Life Cycle
3	10/5	Sizing the Sales Force for Strategic Advantage (Sales Force Design packet)	Read Chapter 5: Structuring Your Sales Force for Efficiency and Effectiveness Read: Structure the Sales Force for Customer and Company Success Case Analysis: Hart Hospital Equipment Sizing and Structuring
4	10/12	Structuring the Sales Force for Strategic Advantage (Sales Force Design packet) Geographic Deployment (Speaker) Kelly Tousi, Principal Matt Scheitlin, Consultant ZS Associates	Case Analysis: Master Cement & Concrete, Inc. Read Chapter 6: Designing Sales Territories for Maximum Success Read: Sales Territory Alignment: An Overlooked Productivity Tool
5	10/19	Talent Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting and Retaining the Best Salespeople • The Critical Role of the First-Line Sales Manager (Speaker) Chris Hartman, VP of Sales Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm Management 	Read Chapter 7: Sales Force Recruiting: Winning the War for Talent Read Chapter 8: Developing More Effective Training Programs Read Chapter 10: The Right Sales Manager: A Key to Sales Force Success
6	10/26	Talent Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Motivating the Sales Force • Sales Force Culture (Speaker) Mike Walsman, Former SNC National Sales Director at Johnson & Johnson 	Case Analysis: Ethitex Pharmaceuticals Case Analysis: I.M.A.G.E. International Read Chapter 9: How to Create a Winning Sales Force Culture Read Chapter 14: Staying on Track Through Better Sales Force Performance Management
7	11/2	Compensating for Results	Case Analysis: Big City Times Read Chapter 12: How Sales Force Incentives Can Drive Results
8	11/9	Compensating for Results	
9	11/16	Goal and Objective Setting Sales and Marketing Interface	Case Analysis: Milford's Goal Setting Case Analysis: Delta Pharmaceuticals Read Chapter 13: Setting Fair and Realistic Goals to Motivate Your Sales Force Read Chapter 19: Achieving Better Sales and Marketing Alignment
10	11/30	Project Presentations	

CASE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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2	Milford Industries (A, B, C)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the three most significant sales force issues, challenges or concerns facing the Capital District? 2. How would you address these issues, challenges or concerns?
3	Hart Hospital Equipment Sizing and Structuring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate the current size and structure proposal. 2. Suggest an alternative if the current proposal can be improved.
4	Master Cement & Concrete, Inc.	Give this case a try.
5	Ethitex Pharmaceuticals	The Ethitex discussion questions are in the case.
6	I.M.A.G.E. International	What do you like about Bart Reynolds' motivation programs? What don't you like about them?
7	Big City Times	Give this case a try.
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9	Milford's Goal Setting Delta Pharmaceuticals	Set quotas for Milford's Capital District. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a problem here? What are the root causes of the problem? 2. How would you propose to fix the problems?
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