

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
JS122-Drugs and Society, Sec. 1-Spring 2008
Class Meeting Time: Tuesdays, 130PM-415PM

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Course Description

This course will generally concern itself with examination of the drug problem, particularly as it relates to practitioners in criminal justice and health sciences. Class participants will be exposed to areas of drug history, classification, identification, pharmacology, and current trends. Current research in the field of chemical dependency will be presented.

This course will also deal to a large extent with the physical, psychological, social and legal ramifications of drug abuse and addiction; including areas of enforcement, education, recovery, and treatment. Students will be introduced to such treatment modalities as: local community based drug treatment programs, narcotic replacement therapies, and recovery peer support groups. Other areas of concern will include the study of decriminalization, harm reduction, and legalization

Course Objectives

Students will acquire a basic knowledge of drugs, their classifications, and identification of drug use. Students will become familiar with current social problems precipitated by drug abuse and addiction, including areas of intervention and treatment. Students will also gain insight into the reasons why people abuse drugs and how society and the criminal justice system respond to such abuse. Students will gain an understanding of contemporary drug laws, such as Proposition 36, designed not only to reduce drug abuse, but to also treat individuals who are chemically dependent.

<u>Student Evaluation</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1 st Midterm Exam	100	2/19/07
2 nd Midterm Exam	100	4/1/08
Class Project #1	50	2/19/08
Class Project #2	50	4/1/08
Research Paper	100	4/29/08
Extra Credit	20	5/6/08
Final Exam	100	5/15/08

All tests will consist of multiple choice and true & false questions. Scantron #882 will be used.

Note: All written assignments and tests should be completed on time. No make-ups will be allowed unless the absence was necessitated by an emergency or prior arrangement.

Required Reading

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Inaba, Darryl, Pharm.D. and William E. Holstein, Ph.D. UPPERS, DOWNERS, ALL-AROUNDERS, 5th Edition. Ashland, Oregon: CNS Publications, Inc., 2004.

Textbook Readings: 1st Midterm

- Chapter 1 Psychoactive Drugs: History and Classification
- Chapter 2 Heredity, Environment, Psychoactive Drugs
- Chapter 4 Downers: Sedative-Hypnotics only, (**NOT** Opiates/Opioids)
- Chapter 5 Downers: Alcohol

Textbook Readings: 2nd Midterm

- Chapter 3 Uppers: Cocaine/Amphetamine/Methamphetamine
- Chapter 6 All Arounders: LSD/Club Drugs, etc.
- Chapter 7 Inhalants/Steroids/Other Addictions

Textbook Readings: Final Exam

- Chapter 4 Downers: Opiates/Heroin
- Chapter 6 All Arounders: Marijuana
- Chapter 9 Treatment
- Chapter 10 Mental/Emotional Health and Drugs

Field Paper/Family History

Students will complete two (2) experiential papers, choosing from several options. Students will be afforded an opportunity to attend either a 12-Step Meeting, attend a Drug Treatment Court graduation, or write their family drug or alcohol history. The field paper will expose students to outside programs that assist substance-abusing individuals in remaining clean and sober, and law-violation free.

Spelling or grammatical errors will result in point deductions.

Research Paper

Students will complete one (1) research paper. This research paper will consist of an 8-10 page paper using the **American Psychological Association (APA)** format. It is a good idea to clear your drug-related topic with the instructor in advance. ***Spelling or grammatical errors will result in point deductions.***

Academic Dishonesty; Cheating, Plagiarism, Sanctions

Cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means. *Plagiarism* is the act of representing the work of another as one's own (without giving appropriate credit) regardless of how that work was obtained, and submitting it to fulfill academic requirements. Possible sanctions include; oral reprimand, failed grade in paper or exam, reduced course grade, failed course. Review *Plagiarism* tutorial at:

<http://tutorials.sjlibrary.org/plagiarism/>

Late paper policy: Papers are due at the beginning of class on date indicated. Do not attempt to turn in a paper after the class period in which it is due; late papers will not be accepted unless you have made prior arrangements with me.

Extra Credit: Extra Credit Papers will need to be made with prior arrangement with instructor before April 29th, this paper will consist of an 8-10 page research paper and oral presentation done on May 6th/13th.

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***Subject to change*

January

- 29 Introduction/Class Syllabus/Handouts
Scope of the problem/Historical Perspectives
Readings Chapter 1

February

- 5 Drug Classifications/Definitions
Brain Basics
Readings Chapter 2 and 4
- 12 Addiction Theories
Downers/GHB
Readings Chapter 5
- 19 Alcohol
Alcohol/Binge drinking
**** First Field/Family Paper Due**
****Midterm study guide**
- 26 Cocaine
****1st MIDTERM**
Readings Chapter 3

March

- 4 ****Midterm Review**
Crack Cocaine
Uppers/Amphetamine/Methamphetamine
Readings Chapter 7
- 11 Methamphetamine
Inhalants/Steroids
Readings Chapter 6
- 18 All-Arounders/LSD/PCP
Club Drugs/Ecstasy
****Midterm study guide**
- 25 SPRING BREAK-No Class

April

- 1 Guest Speaker
****2nd Midterm**
****2nd Field/Family Paper Due**
Readings Chapter 6
- 8 2nd Midterm Review
Marijuana
Medical Marijuana
Readings Chapter 4
- 15 Downers/Opiates
Downers/Heroin
Readings Chapter 9
Readings Chapter 10
- 22 **NO CLASS-Class projects**
- 29 Dual Diagnosis/HIV-AIDS
Treatment

****RESEARCH PAPER DUE**

May

6

War on Drugs

****EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENT DUE**

Extra Credit and Graduate student presentations

13

** Guest Speaker

**All extra credit and graduate presentations will be completed on this date

**Final Exam study guide

15

****FINAL EXAM Note this is on a Thursday 1215-1430 hrs (1230-230PM)**