COURSE INFORMATION
- RHAB 4075 – Drugs & Alcohol
- Fall 2017
- 3.0 Credit Hours
- Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30 PM – 4:50 PM, LIFE A204
- No pre-requisites required

Instructor Contact Information
- Amy Trail, MS, CRC
- Chilton Hall, 130D
- 940-369-5343
- Office hours: M, T, W - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM or by appointment

About the Professor / Instructor
My name is Amy Trail and I will be your instructor for the duration of the semester. I am very excited to get started so let me begin by telling you a little bit about myself. I received a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling from UNT and currently possess the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor credentials. While pursuing graduate studies, my concentrations included addictions and biofeedback. Professionally, I have had the pleasure of working with individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, persons with dual-diagnoses as well as at-risk youth. Presently, I am the Director of the Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP) on the UNT campus. Throughout my academic and professional careers I have sincerely enjoyed learning about the neurocognitive and behavioral issues experienced through substance and/or process related addiction as well as evidence based practices intended to promote a recovery-oriented lifestyle.

Required Text
- Kuhn, C., Swartzwelder, S., Wilson, W., Wilson, L. H., & Foster, J. (2014). Buzzed: the straight facts about the most used and abused drugs from alcohol to ecstasy. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Required Readings
- Power Point lectures on Blackboard

Course Description
Covers the psychological, biological and behavioral causes and effects of substance use and addiction with particular focus on the impact of alcohol, cannabis, nicotine, opiates, stimulants, depressants and hallucinogens on mind, body and behavior.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES
By the end of this course, students should be able to:
- Describe the physical, emotional, psychological and social nature of euphoria, abuse and addiction.
– Explain the effects of stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens and other commonly misused drugs on the body, mind and behavior.
– Contrast popular beliefs and government policies related to drugs, addiction and their control with the realities exposed by scientific efforts.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS/ASSISTANCE
The following information has been provided to assist you in preparation for the technological aspect of the course.
- UIT Help Desk: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm
- Hardware and software necessary to use Bb Learn: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/bblearn/
- Browser requirements: http://kb.blackboard.com/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=84639794
- Computer and Internet Literacy: http://clt.odu.edu/oso/index.php?src=pe_comp_lit
- Necessary plug-ins: http://goo.gl/1lsVF
- Internet Access with compatible web browser
- Headset/Microphone (if required for synchronous chats)
- Word Processor

Minimum Technical Skills Needed:
Examples include:
- Using the learning management system
- Using email with attachments
- Creating and submitting files in commonly used word processing program formats
- Copying and pasting
- Downloading and installing software

Student Support
The University of North Texas provides student technical support in the use of Blackboard and supported resources. The student help desk may be reached at:
- Email: helpdesk@unt.edu
- Phone: 940.565-2324
- In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130
Regular hours are maintained to provide support to students. Please refer to the website: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm for updated hours.

ACCESS & NAVIGATION
Access and Log in Information
This is a face-to-face/online course and will be supplemented through utilization of the University of North Texas’ Learning Management System, Blackboard Learn. To access the Blackboard Learning Management System, please go to: https://learn.unt.edu
You will need your EUID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your EUID or have forgotten your password, please go to: http://ams.unt.edu.

Student Resources
As a student, you will have access to:
- Student Orientation via Blackboard Learn. It is recommended that you become familiar with the tools and tutorials within the Orientation to better equip you in navigating the course.
- Blackboard’s On Demand Learning Center for Students. It is recommended that you become familiar with the tools and tutorials to better equip you to navigate the course.
From within Blackboard, you will have access to the “UNT Helpdesk” tab which provides student resources and Help Desk Information.

Being a Successful Online Student
- What Makes a Successful Online Student?
- Self-Evaluation for Potential Online Students

Format & Procedures:
This is a blended class that will use a few speakers and films. Taking good notes is essential and students are expected to arrange to get notes from others should they miss a class. Please make these arrangements in advance.

Course Organization
This course is organized into weekly lesson plans with specific topics for each week. Each week begins in Blackboard on Tuesday and ends at 11:59 p.m. Monday. All online assignments will be due no later than Monday of each week. All materials will be offered in multiple formats for accessibility purposes.

How Students Should Proceed Each Week for Class Activities
The instructor will provide information in class and via the announcement tool in Blackboard regarding course assignments.

COMMUNICATIONS
- Announcements may be communicated in class and via the Blackboard announcement tool.
- Please contact the instructor at amy.trail@unt.edu or in class with any questions you may have about the course or its content.

ASSESSMENTS & GRADING

Quizzes – 100 points
Quizzes may consist of multiple choice, matching, fill-in-the-box, true/false, short essay and/or definition items. Exams will be offered electronically on Blackboard. Use of materials from beyond the course (e.g., web sources, other courses) will result in a grade of 0 for the exam as will collaboration with others. Essay/definition items MUST be in the student’s words NOT those of the power points to receive credit.
- Quiz 1 - 50 points
- Quiz 2 - 50 points
All quizzes will stress core concepts and principles from each unit covered. Quiz content focuses mainly on:
1. Items marked on PowerPoint (see below)
2. General course themes and major points emphasized in lectures
3. Items written on the board, and
4. Responses to student questions

Red = probable exam item (slide, term or fact)
Bold = possible exam item

The percentage of red and bold items on the exam ranges from 70% to 90%. Lectures will highlight most items that are of very high probability of exam inclusion. The percentage of items not highlighted on the PowerPoints that appear on an exam is determined by the attentiveness of those present (i.e., not using cell phones or carrying on conversations) and attendance rates.
To Avoid Problems on Blackboard Tests

1. Avoid use of Wi-Fi connections - use a hard wired connection
2. Use a laptop or PC not a tablet or phone. Do not use Safari. If you must use a tablet or phone you MUST access BB via the free download of BB’s mobile app. If you must use an IPad, use Google chrome browser.
3. Avoid opening multiple windows. Even a small document can wreak havoc when a quiz is being done. Use of Multiple windows is NEVER appropriate when taking a quiz as they imply the use of outside sources, i.e. cheating.

Violation of Any of the Above Will Void Your Test

If problems arise do not disconnect! Immediately contact the BB helpdesk and see if they can help. If the helpdesk cannot resolve the issue email both the instructor (amy.trail@unt.edu) and the TA. One of us will respond within 48 hours. If you time out the quiz will be graded as it was at the end of the allotted time period. Resets will only be granted if we can be assured that the problem was a system failure. A reset requires that any questions you did answer are deleted and you must start over.

Discussion Boards – 40 points

Students will participate in four (4) online discussion boards worth a maximum of ten (10) points each. Each discussion board will contain a document entitled, “Discussion Board Expectations” that outlines discussion board participation guidelines.

Assignments – 60 points

Students will complete three (3) assignments worth a maximum of twenty (20) points each. Please visit the Blackboard course online and navigate to the assignments link to view a .pdf outlining assignment instructions for each assignment.

GRADING

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Instructor’s Discretionary Points

The instructor reserves the right to add up to 10 points for a high rate of attentive attendance and especially high quality participation. The instructor also reserves the right to deduct 10 points for texting, inappropriate use of computers, and other chronically disruptive and/or inattentive behavior. These points will be added as the final grade is computed after final exams.

Assignment Submission Instructions

All assignments will be submitted using the assignment drop-box feature in Blackboard. Absolutely no handwritten assignments will be accepted. The instructor will inform you during class and/or through the Blackboard announcements tool when assignment drop boxes and quizzes are available.

COURSE EVALUATION

Course Evaluation instructions will be provided via the announcement tool in Blackboard.
COURSE POLICIES

Student Behavior in the Classroom
1. Texting, taking/placing cell phone calls, newspaper reading and carrying on conversations during lectures is not tolerated. It is extremely inappropriate to leave a lecture to take or place calls. Please avoid entering the center front of the room during lecture! If you must leave before the end of lecture, then you must arrange a seat in the rear of the room near a side aisle and exit via the back or side.
2. If you must eat during class choose quiet food and packaging.
3. Grades are discussed only with the involved student in private. Students receive limited feedback from blackboard (BB) on essay/definition items. Blackboard Exams are opened for review after ALL students have completed the test.
4. Students are responsible for getting ALL announcements made in class and/or via blackboard. Many announcements are made only in class (e.g., comments on exam content). YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for getting notes on announcements made in class from another student (NOT by emailing the instructor or TA).

Personal Disclosure and Confidentiality
We may deal with personal and sensitive matters during this course. It is imperative that we contribute in a respectful manner, even when we disagree. Please remember that any personal information shared during class is confidential and should not be discussed outside of class. It is important that you honor the privacy of your classmates. Please practice discretion when discussing any specific comments and behaviors of members in the class when you are outside the class room.

While discussing topics related to substance use, you may be asked questions that relate to your personal experiences, attitudes and behaviors. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed; therefore, you are free to choose the level of disclosure most comfortable to you. It is important to be discrete and appropriate when sharing in class discussions; therefore, be mindful of what personal information you share in class.

Acceptable Student Behavior
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.deanofstudents.unt.edu

Late Work and Make up Quizzes
Late work will NOT be accepted. Written medical documentation of the circumstances that led to students’ inability to complete course work is required and should be requested in advance whenever possible.

Class Participation
Students are required to login regularly to the online class site. The instructor will use the tracking feature in Blackboard to monitor student activity. Students are also required to participate in all class activities such as discussion board, chat or conference sessions and group projects.

Instructor reserves the right to make syllabus changes as course needs arise.
Virtual Classroom Citizenship
The same guidelines that apply to traditional classes should be observed in the virtual classroom environment. Please use proper netiquette when interacting with class members and the professor.

Incompletes
Students are expected to complete the course within the session time frame. A grade of Incomplete will only be given if the student is (a) passing the course, (b) has completed 75% of the course requirement, (c) has very compelling special circumstances, and (d) provides adequate documentation. I will require that the course requirements be fulfilled by the end of the following semester. According to UNT policy:

An Incomplete Grade (“I”) is a non-punitive grade given only during the last one-fourth of a term/semester and only if a student (1) is passing the course and (2) has a justifiable and documented reason, beyond the control of the student (such as serious illness or military service), for not completing the work on schedule. The student must arrange with the instructor to finish the course at a later date by completing specific requirements. These requirements must be listed on a Request for Grade of Incomplete form signed by the instructor, student, and department chair; and also entered on the grade roster by the instructor. (http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/incomplete.htm, p. 1)

If you fail to complete the course requirements by the end of the subsequent semester the grade of Incomplete will be replaced with an “F”. I strongly urge you to complete the course. If you find you are falling behind, or not passing, I recommend you consider withdrawing from the class so that your record and GPA is not negatively affected. Please come talk to me if you find yourself having any difficulties with keeping up with the assignments or are not doing well on the quizzes.

Copyright Notice
Some or all of the materials on this course Web site may be protected by copyright. Federal copyright law prohibits the reproduction, distribution, public performance, or public display of copyrighted materials without the express and written permission of the copyright owner, unless fair use or another exemption under copyright law applies. Additional copyright information may be located at: http://copyright.unt.edu/content/unt-copyright-policies.

Information about the University of Texas’ Attendance Policy may be found at:

Syllabus Change Policy
The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Policy on Server Unavailability or Other Technical Difficulties
The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and also contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

UNT POLICIES
Student Conduct and Discipline
The primary concern of the University of North Texas is the student. The university attempts to provide for all students a campus environment that is conducive to academic endeavor and social and individual growth. To that end, rules, regulations and guidelines governing student behavior and the student’s relationship with the university have been formulated into a student code of conduct and discipline. Enrollment at the University of North Texas is considered implicit acceptance of these and other policies applicable to students, all of which are educational in nature and designed to help students understand expectations and accept responsibility for their own actions. Additional information can be found in the [Code of Student Conduct](http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/sexual-misconduct/reporting-sexual-misconduct#4).

**Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, & Assault**
UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more. UNT’s Dean of Students’ website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: [http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/sexual-misconduct/reporting-sexual-misconduct#4](http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/sexual-misconduct/reporting-sexual-misconduct#4).

Renee LeClaire McNamara is UNT’s Student Advocate and she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students’ office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

**Academic Honesty Policy**
Policies regarding student conduct and academic honesty posted by the University Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities in the Student Handbook apply to this class. As stated in the Policy: [http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/misconduct.html](http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/misconduct.html), misconduct for which students are subject to discipline falls into the following categories:

A. Acts of Dishonesty, including but not limited to:
   1. Academic dishonesty - cheating. The term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
      a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations;
      b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
      c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University;
      d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s);
      e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage.
   2. Academic Dishonesty — plagiarism. The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to:
      a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement and/or
      b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.
Discipline may range from not having an assignment accepted for credit to expulsion from the course. For more information regarding policies regarding student conduct, please visit: [http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/index.html](http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/index.html)

**ADA Policy**
The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at [http://www.unt.edu/oda](http://www.unt.edu/oda). You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

**Add/Drop Policy**
Please refer to the [Office of the Registrar](http://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2014-15/pdf/calendar.pdf) regarding the Add/Drop Policy.

**RESOURCES**

**UNT Resources**
Links to Academic Support Services, such as Office of Disability Accommodation, Counseling and Testing Services, UNT Libraries, Online Tutoring, UNT Writing Lab and Math Tutor Lab can be located within Blackboard Learn on the “Academic Support” tab.
- Computer Labs: General access computer lab information (including locations and hours of operation) can be located at: [http://www.gacl.unt.edu/](http://www.gacl.unt.edu/)
- UNT Portal: [http://my.unt.edu](http://my.unt.edu)
- UNT Library Information for Off-Campus Users: [http://www.library.unt.edu/services/for-special-audiences/offcampus/information-for-off-campus-users](http://www.library.unt.edu/services/for-special-audiences/offcampus/information-for-off-campus-users)
- UNT Computing and Information Technology Center: [http://citc.unt.edu/services/solutions/students](http://citc.unt.edu/services/solutions/students)

**Course Resources**
- Pharmacology Dictionary: [http://behavenet.com/pharmacology#301](http://behavenet.com/pharmacology#301)
- Pill Identifier: [https://www.drugs.com/pill_identification.html](https://www.drugs.com/pill_identification.html)
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) - [http://csat.samhsa.gov/](http://csat.samhsa.gov/)
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) - [http://prevention.samhsa.gov/](http://prevention.samhsa.gov/)
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