Tuesday/Thursday 9-10.50am

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Final Exam: Thursday May 12. 8-10am

Course Description: This course examines the relationship between drugs, crime and human behavior. It explores the relationship between drug abuse and crime and the policy proposals developed to control drug trafficking, drug abuse, and drug-related crime, as well as the multi-faceted aspects and effects of chemical abuse and dependency.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a working understanding of the history of substance abuse and the various types of drugs abused
- Articulate an understanding of the national and international illicit drug trade and the relationship between the drug trade and organized crime
- Evaluate the work of enforcement organizations in combating drug trafficking
- Analyze the success of drug control programs, the treatment of addiction and prevention strategies aimed at preventing substance abuse

In addition to the formal learning outcomes there is a bigger issue, that issue is developing creative people. It is my intention that during this course you will gain the confidence to do really well. A university education is not about trying to mold
you it is the reverse; it is about trying to help you escape a mold. What you bring to the class is yourself and your desire to participate.

“The capacity to think about one’s thinking -to ponder metacognitively- and to correct it in progress is far more worthy than remembering any name, date, or number”. (Bain, K., *What The Best College Teachers Do*, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2004, pp.95).

The decision to take this course is yours. Once you have made that decision you are responsible to every other course participant in the community of learners that makes up this class.


Recommended Readings:


Exams: There will be a mid-term examination and a final examination. The mid-term will be worth 40 points and the final worth 60 points. Examinations will cover textbook readings and the material covered in class. Examinations will be multiple choice. Examination material will be cumulative. Make-up exams will only be given in the event of unforeseen and documented circumstances.

Grades: A 90-100%
B 80-89.99%
C 70-79.99%
D 60-69.99%
F Below 59.99%

Academic Dishonesty. Students found to be cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, or facilitating academic dishonesty will receive a zero grade for the course. See further: Chapter # -07 Student Affairs. 18.1.16 Student Standards of Academic Integrity.
Americans with Disabilities Act. The university complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act. Students who may need accommodations should call the Office of Disability Accommodation (940-369-8652).

Course Schedule:

Week 1  Measuring drug abuse and overview of the drug crisis
Week 2  The history of drug abuse
Week 3  Understanding drugs of abuse
Week 4  Understanding drugs of abuse (part 2)
Week 5  The illicit drug trade
Week 6  The illicit drug trade (part 2) Domestic drug production
Week 7  Domestic drug production
Week 8  Mid-Term exam
Week 9  Drugs and crime
Week 10 Organized crime and the drug trade
Week 11 Organized crime and the drug trade (part 2)
Week 12 Domestic drug trafficking organizations
Week 13 Understanding drug control policy
Week 14 Understanding drug control policy (part 2)
Week 15 Final exam. Thursday May 12. 8-10 am