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AJ 122
NARCOTICS & DRUG ABUSE

COURSE CONTENT

The study of the use and abuse of chemicals by mankind - a brief historical picture will be presented, however, the major emphasis will be the contemporary involvement of people in the use and abuse of drugs. We will identify the major drugs of use and abuse, how to recognize them, identify people under the influence of them and what steps can be taken to do something about the abuse. The course will explore the social medical and legal aspects of drug use, the education, rehabilitation and treatment of addicts. Solutions to the drug problem will be discussed.

TEXTBOOK

Drugs and the Law: Detection, Recognition and Investigation by Gary Miller, (Longwood, Florida: Gould Publications, Inc. 1997. 2nd Edition).

STUDENT EVALUATION

Student grade evaluation will be determined by class assignment, term paper and examinations. The exams will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false and short answer questions. There will be two mid-terms and a final exam. Also an empirical research term paper and brief oral presentation is required. Your grade is determined by the percentile of points earned in all areas of evaluation.

1 st MID-TERM	100 POINTS
2 ND MID-TERM	100 POINTS
TERM PAPER	100 POINTS
FINAL EXAM	150 POINTS
TOTAL	450 POINTS

A = 90%

B = 80%

C = 70%

D = 60%

EMPIRICAL RESEARCH TERM PAPER

Empirical research is investigation by involvement. This is not a library research paper; however, information from the library can be supplemental to your paper. Observation, discussions, personal opinion, interviews, questionnaires, etc. will form the basis of your report. The intent of this project is for you to compare what you have read and heard to what is actually occurring in the community. Many areas can be researched; such as police involvement in the drug problem, role of the criminal and or civil courts, social aspects of drug use and abuse, medical treatment models, rehabilitation of the abuser, are their solutions to the problem? legalization? educational efforts to deal with the problem, political and governmental involvement, role of the military, profile of the drug abuser, the extent of drug use and abuse in your community, recognizing the abuser, what to do about drug abuse; effectiveness of drug control activities, drug testing, the behavioral aspects of drug use, drug addiction, drugs and crime. This is only a sample of topics you could select. Once you collect your information from empirical sources you are to organize it in the following sequence:

Title Page

Table of Contents

Introduction (including why you selected the topic)

Methodology (how you obtained your information, identify your sources)

Content of Report (this is basically what you found out and is the basis of your report)

Evaluation (This is your evaluation of the information in your report. This is an important area to include in your paper.)

Summary (summarize your report)

Credits (list the sources of information for your report, who you talked to, the organization contacted, information from books, articles, etc.

The paper is to be typed, printed, double-spaced and 8-10 pages in length.

You are required to orally present your findings to the class. All you need to do is present a brief overview and summary of your findings. Include why you selected the topic, what you found out, and what you think about it.

You will be assigned a date on which to present your paper to the class. My evaluation of your paper will be based on your involvement such as, (1) the extend of your project - how much work and time did it take to obtain the information (2) written paper - did you follow the format? Is it well organized, clear and concise? How detailed is your evaluation? and (3) Oral presentation - were all relevant points presented? Were you prepared? Did you get your point across?

Failure to orally present your project will result in a 20-point deduction from overall points earned in class. If you need assistance in your project, please ask me.

Your paper is due at the time you present your paper orally to the class.

EXTRA CREDIT

You will have an opportunity to improve your final grade by completing only one of the following extra credit assignments. Each assignment is worth 20 points added to the overall points earned in class assignments.

1. Read five journal articles and write an evaluation of each. Include a copy of the articles in your report.
2. Invite a guest speaker to class. Introduce the speaker to class and state why you have invited this person. At the conclusion of the talk, write an evaluation of the information and present to the instructor at the following class meeting. (Speaker must be approved by the instructor and the date and time of the appearance determined by the instructor.)
3. Moyers Tapes – You are to evaluate the information on these tapes with the information from your own experiences, the textbook and any other sources of information. Your evaluation should include relevance of the information, accuracy of content, effectiveness, and a summary of the most relevant information. You are to put the information in a typed written paper of no more than 5 pages in length.

Restrictions. Only one extra credit assignment per student.

INSTRUCTIONAL MEETINGS

As a part time instructor I am generally not on campus other than when the class is scheduled. I can meet with you 1/2 hour before or after class. You can also contact me at (408) 848-4879 Work or (831) 761-2344 Home.

CLASS SCHEDULE

- Jan. 27 Introduction
- Feb. 3 Moyers tapes
- Feb. 10 Moyers tapes and Pharmacology / Drug Classification, Chapters 1,2,3
- Feb. 17 Study of Addiction, Chapter 4
- Feb. 24 CNS - Depressants, Alcohol, Marijuana, Chapters 6, 7, 14
- Mar. 2 California Drug Laws and Review for 1st Mid-term, Chapter 5
- Mar. 9 **1st Midterm Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,14**
- Mar. 16 Review 1st Mid-term – Narcotics, Heroin, Chapters 8, 9
- Mar. 23 CNS - Cocaine/Amphetamines, Chapter 12
- Mar. 27–Mar. 31 ****Spring Break****
- April 6 PCP / Psychedelics, Designer Drugs, Anabolic Steroids, Chapters 10, 11, 13, 15
- April 13 **2nd Mid-term Chapters 8,9,10,11,12,13,15**
- April 20 Review 2nd Mid-term & Drug Investigation
- April 27 Project Presentations
- May 4 Project Presentations
- May 11 Review
- May 18 **Final Exam 5:15 p.m.**

Reading Assignments for Drugs and the Law

1st Mid-term: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,14

2nd Mid-term: 8,9,10,11,12,13,15

Final Examination - The final exam is comprehensive and will contain questions from all chapters in the textbook.

Scantron

The objective portion of the exam will be answered on a Scantron answer sheet.

1st and 2nd Mid-terms will use Scantron Sheet #882, 100 questions.

Final Exam you will need Scantron Sheet #884, 200 questions.