AJ 122: Narcotics
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Texts:
Lyman, M. & G. Potter (1996) DRUGS & SOCIETY (Anderson); hereafter D&S

Logistics

The course grade will be determined by the following set of criteria, each of which will count one-third of the final grade:

1) Critical thinking exercise: content analysis in drug related issues. (Instructions will be passed out in class and gone over in depth.) Other options will also be considered such as a traditional term paper, or content analysis of media coverage of drug news.
2) Midterm Examination
3) Final examination

The final exam will be objective in nature, contain multiple choice and true/false questions, and be scored by Scantron. You will need a standard Scantron sheet to complete the test. **No makeup exams will be given without a bona fide medical excuse.** A review session will be held the final class before the test.

3) Extra credit: Students wishing to earn extra credit may to a critical review essay on any optional volume or book approved by the instructor. The essay should be five to ten double spaced type written pages, and constitute an analysis of the book. The analysis should be "critical," describing in depth what the reviewer did and did not like about the volume. Further instructions for the review will be discussed in class. Successful completion of the assignment means that if a student is between two grades (e.g., B+/A-) the student will receive the higher of the two marks.

Note to Graduate Students: You will be required to complete two research projects. You may do any of the following:
1. A content analysis on drug policy,
   and
2. A content analysis on news coverage of drug trafficking.
   Or

1. A content analysis on drug policy
   and
2. A traditional term paper on some topic related to the course.

Each graduate student is strongly encouraged to meet with me to discuss these requirements.

Finally, please note the reading assignments below. I consider the information in the texts a useful guide for students. I assume everyone has read it. This means that I will not merely follow along with the text, but will summarize what you need to know and explore what I believe is significant about the methods and issues we study. I ALSO URGE STUDENTS TO REGULARLY ATTEND CLASS. HOWEVER, I WILL NOT TAKE ATTENDANCE, AND PLEASE DO NOT CALL ME TO TELL ME YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN CLASS. IF YOU MISS CLASS, GET THE NOTES FROM ANOTHER STUDENT, OR COME SEE ME IN AN OFFICE HOUR.

STUDENT CONDUCT:

NOTE: YOUR INSTRUCTOR IS BLESSED\CURSED WITH EXCEPTIONALLY ACUTE HEARING, AND HAS EXTREMELY LOW TOLERANCE OF EXTRANEOUS NOISE. NO WHISPERING, NOTE PASSING, OR OTHER DISTRACTIVE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED DURING CLASS LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS. STUDENT CLASS PARTICIPATION IS VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED, AND STUDENT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. RUDENESS IN THE FORM OF DISRUPTION IS UNFAIR TO BOTH THE INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENTS DESIRING TO LEARN. IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND THOSE STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO REFRAIN FROM DISRUPTIVE NOISE DURING CLASS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

Assignments

Week #/Date	Topic	Reading(s)
1	Introduction	
2	History of Drug Abuse	D&S, Ch. 1
3	Drug Typologies	D&S, Ch. 2
4	The Drug Trade	D&S, Ch. 3
5	The Drug-Crime Nexus	D&S, Ch. 6
6	Drug Syndicates	D&S, Ch. 7
7	Domestic Drug Trafficking	D&S, Ch. 8
8.	REVIEW & MIDTERM EXAMINATION	
9.	Foreign Drug Traffickers	D&S, Ch. 9
10	Legalization Debates I	D&S, Ch. 12; 368-383
11	Legalization Part II	D&S, Ch. 12; 383-395
12	Treatment & Prevention	D&S, Ch. 14
13.	Drug Addiction & Movie Images—In Class Movies	
14	Summary & Review: ALL PAPERS DUE	
15	Final Examination	
	Thurs. May 17 12:15-2:2:30	FINAL EXAMINATION