

Drugs and Behavior Psychology 245 Summer Session II June 23rd – July 24th

Days: M, T, W, Th

Time: 2:45 – 4:50

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Maisto, S. A., Galizio, M., & Connors, G. J. (2008). **Drug Use and Abuse, 5th Edition.** New York: Wadsworth Thompson Learning.

Course Description

Plop plop fizz fizz when you haven't got the pain and the nighttime coughing, aching, stuffy head fever so you can rest assured that we live in a drug happy culture. Whether the drug is legal or illegal, recreational or medicinal, natural or synthetic Americans love their drugs. Drugs of all kinds play an important role in our society and have profound effects on our behavior and physical state. This class is about those drugs and how drugs influence human behavior. The goal of this course is to increase your understanding of chemical substances from a scientific perspective as well as shed light on why we as a culture have such a schizophrenic view of drugs.

Content will be presented through text reading, lecture and video. Class discussion makes this course more interesting and will be encouraged and respected.

Course Requirements

Requirements for this course include:

1. Reading the assigned chapters (hopefully before the lecture)
2. Three multiple choice exams
3. Five to ten random in-class written reaction papers

Reaction Papers

You are required to write in-class reaction papers. These papers will be assigned on random days throughout the semester. The papers are designed to help you think critically about a topic and articulate your thoughts in writing.

Grading

Grades will be assigned based on test scores and reaction papers. Point totals are as follows:

1. One 75 point exam.....75 points
2. Two 60 point exams.....120 points
3. Five to ten 5-point reaction papers...25 -50 points

Total = 220-245 points

Your grade will be based on your final point total. **The highest point total obtained will be the top of the scale.** Grades will be scaled off this total using the standard grade ranges. The grade ranges are as follows:

90% or greater = A range

80% - 89% = B range

70 - 79% = C range

60 - 69% = D range

59% and below = F range

Important Information

1. Although attendance is not specifically required, it is important to attend class. The reaction papers are assigned on a random basis and cannot be made up. These papers are meant to stimulate thought and aid in the assimilation of the course content. Reaction papers will be assigned for the last 10 minutes of certain classes. Papers need not be more than 1 page in length.
2. Normally exams cannot be made-up. If you know in advance that you cannot make a certain test date, talk to me and we can schedule the test in advance. In certain emergency/bizarre circumstances test can be made up if missed.
3. I am not normally a fan of cheating. Cheating will be dealt with based on UNCW policies. Please refer to your student handbook.
4. The purpose of this class is to have fun learning about yourself and others. Enjoy.

Schedule

June

- 23 Course Introduction
24 Chapter 1: General Issues and Drug Classification
25 Chapter 2: The Historical Context of Drug Use & Abuse
- 29 Chapter 3: Drug Use and the Nervous System I
30 Chapter 3: Drug Use and the Nervous System II

July

- 1 Chapter 4/5: Psychopharmacology I
2 Chapter 4/5: Psychopharmacology II
- 6 **Exam 1** (75 multiple choice questions)

- 7 Chapter 6: Cocaine and Amphetamines
- 8 Chapter 7 & 8: Nicotine and Caffeine
- 9 Chapter 9: Alcohol I

- 13 Chapter 9: Alcohol II
- 14 **Exam 2** (60 multiple choice questions)
- 15 Chapter 10: Opiates
- 16 Chapter 11 Marijuana I

- 20 Chapter 11 Marijuana II
- 21 Chapter 12: Hallucinogens I
- 22 Chapter 12: Hallucinogens II
- 23 Chapter 13: Psychiatric Drugs

- 24 **Final Exam 5:00 – 8:00** (60 multiple choice questions)