

DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR

PSY 305

Spring 2012

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Textbook: Drugs Society, and Human Behavior by Hart and Ksir (2011)
Readings: Drugs, Society and Behavior 11/12 from Annual Editions

Course Overview: This course serves as an introduction to Psychopharmacology. It covers various aspects of how drugs can affect behavior. The broad goals of the course are to familiarize the student with the social and cultural aspects of drug use, laws that regulate drug use, treatment and prevention of drug abuse, and the scientific aspects of understanding drugs effects on the body. The major drugs focused on in the course are psychoactive drugs, however, other classes of drugs will also be covered.

Grades: Your grade will be based upon four in-class examinations worth 50 points each. See semester outline for exam dates. Your final grade will be based on a possible 200 points (4 x 50 points per exam).

Exams: Each of the four exams will have 40 multiple-choice questions and 10 short definitions. All questions will be worth one point each. You will be required to take all four exams. If you miss a scheduled examination a make-up exam will be given during the final exam period. You will be allowed to take only one make-up exam.

Student submitted exam questions: Students are encouraged to submit m-c exam questions 10 days prior to the exam. Some will be selected to be on the exam.

Optional AE Article Reviews: You may turn in ten article reviews to take the place of one of your exam grades. The reviews are of any of the articles found in the AE book. The reviews must be typed and should follow the article review form found at the end of the Annual Editions book. They are worth 5 points each for a total of 50 points. Please turn in all 10 at one time. Keep a copy of the reviews for your records. Reviews are due on April 12, and must be handed-in in class. No reviews will be accepted via email, in my mailbox, or before/after April 12.

Cheating Statement: As per policy of the Department of Psychology, penalties for cheating and/or plagiarism will be enforced on all tests and class assignments. Cheating will not be tolerated. It is expected that all students will maintain the standards of academic honesty. Cheating or plagiarism can be reason for failure of this course.

Attendance: Class attendance is strongly recommended. Class discussion can contribute to your final grade. In addition, exam questions will come from materials presented in class.

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DATE CLASS TOPIC READING ASSIGNMENTS

Hart, Ksir, and Ray textbook

SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Jan. 17	Introduction	1
Jan. 19	Drug Use	2
Jan. 24	Drugs Regulations	3
Jan. 26	The Nervous System	4
Jan 31	Drug Actions	5
Feb. 2	Curiosity video	
Feb. 7	Exam I	
Feb. 9	Nicotine	10
Feb. 14	Caffeine	11
Feb. 16	Over The Counter Drugs	12
Feb. 21	Physiological Effects of Alcohol	9
Feb. 23	Social Effects of Alcohol	
Feb. 28	Review	
March 1	Exam II	
March 6	CNS Stimulants	6
March 8	CNS Depressants	7
March 13 & 15	Spring Break	
March 20	Psychotherapeutic Drugs	8
March 22	Performance Enhancing Drugs	16
	Ultra observations	
March 27	Opioids	13
March 29	Review	
April 3	Exam III	
April 5	Hallucinogens	14
April 10	Marijuana	15
April 12	Video and AE Reports Due	
April 17	Prevention of Drug Abuse	17
April 19	Treatment of Drug Abuse	18
April 24	Epilogue & Review	
April 26	Exam IV	
May 11	Make-up exams	11:00-1:30