Lectures: 2:30-3:20 MW

Room: Baker Laboratory 135

Discussion Sections: Fridays
(201) 1:25 PM - 2:15 PM Mcgraw Hall 165
(202) 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM Morrill Hall 107

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Description: The course focuses on drug use and abuse as a social--rather than as a medical or psychopathological--phenomenon. Specifically, the course deals with the history of drug use and regulatory attempts in the United States and around the world; the relationship between drug use and racism/class conflict; use patterns related to specific drugs; perspectives on the etiology of drug use/abuse; AIDS prevention and harm reduction interventions; drug using subcultures; drug policy; drug legislation; drug enforcement; and the promotion and condemnation of drug activities in the mass media.

Examinations will consist of a midterm examination and a final, each of which will constitute 30% of the grade. Writing assignments will consist of two short discussion papers, which together constitute 10% of the grade, and a term paper, which will constitute 20% of the grade. Participation in the discussion sections constitutes the final 10% of the grade.

Texts:
Heavy Drinking by Herbert Fingarette
Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Drugs and Society 10th Edition by Raymond Goldberg,
Articles, Book Chapters (Available on BlackBoard)
*The Sociology of American Drug Use* by Charles E. Faupel, Alan M. Horowitz, and Greg S. Weaver, Chapters 1 and 2.
*Culture, Society, and Drugs: The Social Science Approach to Drug Use* by Ed Knipe, Chapters 4 and 8.
*Drugs in American Society* by Erich Goode, Chapter 4
*The American Disease: Origins of Narcotic Control, Third Edition*, by David F. Musto, Chapters 1 and 3
*The American Pipe Dream: Crack Cocaine and the Inner City* by Dale Chitwood, James E. Rivers, and James A. Inciardi, Chapter 5.
*Point/Counterpoint: Opposing Perspectives on Issues of Drug Policy* by Charles Levinthal, Chapter 2

Schedule of Readings:

**Note:** Due to the new academic calendar, classes begin on Wednesday of Week 1 (January 27). February break is Feb 15 to 16, so there is no class on Monday, Feb 15th. Spring break is March 28 to April 1, so there are no classes during Week 10.

Week 1 (January 27): Introduction to course
Readings: None

Weeks 2-3 (February 1): Drugs, Social Norms, Social Dilemmas, and the Commitment Problem
Readings: Faupel 1 and 2
Sally

Weeks 4-5 (February 17*): Social Reactions to Drugs: Changing views of Marijuana and other Drugs
Readings: Knipe 4
New York Times, July 27 and 30
Musto 1 and 3
Goldberg Issues 1-2, 9, 16

*Note, the Monday and Tuesday of Week 4, February 15th and 16th, is February break

Week 6-7 (February 29): Structure of Drug Markets
Readings: Meyer
Nadelmann
Knipe 8

Weeks 8 (March 14): Race, Class, and Drugs
Readings: Goode 4

Week 9 (March 21): Gender and Drugs
Readings: Chitwood 5
Goldberg Issue 5

Week 10 (March 28): Spring Break

Weeks 11 (April 4): Drugs and HIV
Readings: Heckathorn, 2002
Goldberg Issues 6, 17

Week 12 (April 11): Drugs and Crime
Readings: Levinthal Chapter 2

Week 13 (April 18): Harm Reduction
Readings: Goldberg Issues 10, 18-19

Week 14 (April 25): Currently Legal Drugs
Readings: Fingarette
Goldberg Issues 3-4, 8, 11, 14-15

Week 15-16 (May 2): Policy Debates
Readings: Goldberg Issues 7, 12-13
Schedule of Events, Examinations and Assignments:

January 27  First day of classes
February 15-16  February Break
February 26  First Discussion Paper Due (end of week 5)
March 9  Midterm Examination (week 7)
March 28-April 1  Spring Break
April 15  Second Discussion Paper Due (end of week 12)
April 29  Term Paper Due (week 14)
May 11  Last day of classes
May 16-24  Final Exam

Exact date, time, and room for this course will be announced on February 16th at the following URL:
https://registrar.cornell.edu/Sched/exams.html

This syllabus is subject to minor revision.

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