

**DRUGS AND SOCIETY: SOC 335 (Focus W: Writing Intensive)**  
**University of Hawaii - Outreach College: Fall 2017 (ONLINE)**

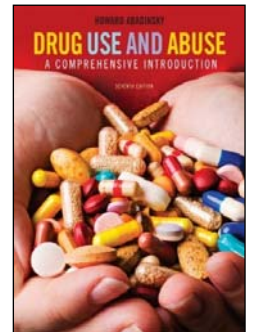
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**Course Description:** *This course will examine the use of mood and mind altering drugs in America among adults, youth, and cross-culturally. Types of illicit drug cultures, psychedelics, and perception is discussed with related social norms and associated deviant behavior. This course will provide an overview of drug use in modern society in relation to addiction, substance abuse, violent crime and narco-terrorism. The course will also present the criminal justice process of sentencing drug offenders from probation to incarceration. Historical and current trends of regulating drug use as well as the sentencing and penalties for drug offenders will be discussed. The course will also examine the sociological, biological, and psychological theories of drug use, abuse, and addiction. Additional issues of criminal behavior causation as related to substance abuse, street gangs, family violence and sexual exploitation will be presented. The drug reduction and prevention strategies of police intervention techniques search and seizure, drug treatment programs, and vocational skills training will also be explored.*

**Course Text:** *Drugs Use and Abuse: A Comprehensive Introduction (Seventh Edition)* by Howard Abadinsky notes that drugs have been a part of society for as long as we can determine. The phenomena of drug use and abuse and related issues of production, distribution, and marketing will always be with us. The text focuses on both positive and negative factors related to illegal and legal drug consumption on the individual and on society as a whole. Additionally, the readings provide sociological, economical, and political perspectives that have shaped drug use in America. The text covers a wide variety of drug use and abuse: from alcohol and tobacco to crystal methamphetamine and ecstasy.



**Course Instructor:** *Gordon James Knowles received his Ph.D. in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology and Criminal Justice Research Methods from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Police Administration and Corrections Management from Chaminade University of Honolulu. Teaching and research interests include: (1) Criminology and Urban Sociology, (2) Law and Society and Social Psychology, (3) Drugs and Society and Social Problems, (4) Criminal Investigation and Police Administration, (5) Juvenile Delinquency and Urban Gangs, and (6) Organized Crime and Sociology of Terrorism. His publications have focused on clandestine urban drug trafficking and illicit drug addiction, organized crime and underground illegal gambling casinos, prison gangs and inmate subculture, human trafficking within the sex tourism industry, counter-insurgency and anti-terrorism, the international drug trade and narco-terrorism. He is a Military Police Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and has supported counter-insurgency and security force development in Iraq and Indonesia, conducted humanitarian assistance operations in Thailand and the Philippines, and participated in United Nations security force missions in Japan and Korea.*

**Course Outline:**      **Course Length:**      **September 5th, 2017 to December 15th, 2017.**

**Course “Writing Intensive” Assignment Requirement:** Students will be required to submit a **4000 word (or about 16 pages)** research paper on a **legal** or **illegal** drug of their choice to complete the course. The course instructor will provide a sample paper and a class presentation regarding the specific details of the paper assignment on **Session 1**. This course paper is a *practical exercise* that will be evaluated based upon (1) *presentation*, (2) *correct format*, (3) *appropriate references*, and (4) *required length*. **This writing assignment will be worth 25 points towards the student’s final grade.** The writing assignment will be due on **Session 14**. **Students must adequately complete all writing assignments to pass the course with “D” grade or better. Students who do not complete all writing assignments will get a “D-” or “F” and will not earn W Focus credit.**

**Key Course “Writing Intensive” Dates:**

<b>Session:</b>	<b>Assignment:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Session 3:	Research Paper Topic due to Instructor for Approval.	September 19th, 2017
Session 4:	Draft Section 1 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. <i>Section 1: Introduction to the Drug.</i>	September 26th, 2017
Session 6:	Draft Section 2 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. <i>Section 2: Historical Background of the Drug.</i>	October 10th, 2017
Session 8:	Draft Section 3 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. <i>Section 3: Positive and Negative Effects of the Drug.</i>	October 24th, 2017
Session 12:	Draft Section 4 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. <i>Section 4: Conclusion and Opinion of the Drug.</i>	November 14th, 2017
Session 14:	Draft Section 5 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. <i>Section 5: Reference Section.</i>	November 28th, 2017
Session 15:	Final Research Paper due to Instructor.	December 5th, 2017

**Course Exams:** **Seventy-five questions** will be given for an overall possible **75 points** comprised from the three exams. All *test questions* will be *derived* from the *textbook* and have a *multiple-choice question and answer structure*. Also, each of the *three exams* will have a **sixty-minute** time limit with an **open-book format**.

			<b><u>Grading Scale</u></b>		
<i>Exam 1:</i>	25 Questions	<b>Example:</b>	<i>Exam 1:</i>	20 Points	90-100: <b>A</b>
<i>Exam 2:</i>	25 Questions		<i>Exam 2:</i>	20 Points	80-89: <b>B</b>
<i>Exam 3:</i>	25 Questions		<i>Exam 3:</i>	25 Points	70-79: <b>C</b>
<b>Total:</b>	75 Questions/Points	<b>Total:</b>	<b>65 Points</b>	60-69: <b>D</b>	
<b>WI Paper:</b>	25 points	<b>Plus <u>WI</u> Paper:</b>	<b>20 points</b>	0-59: <b>F</b>	
			<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>85 points</b>	<b>Final Grade: B</b>

**Key Course Exam Dates:**

<b>Session 5:</b>	Exam 1: Chapters 1-5	<b>October 3rd, 2017</b>
<b>Session 9:</b>	Exam 2: Chapters 6-10	<b>October 31st, 2017</b>
<b>Session 15:</b>	Exam 3: Chapters 11-14	<b>December 5th, 2017</b>
<b>Session 15:</b>	Paper Assignment Due:	<b>December 5th, 2017</b>

**Class Discussion Requirement:** Students will be required to answer two (2) discussion questions for each chapter reading assignment. The questions are designed to prepare you for the exams.

**Recommended Class Items:** Students should utilize the (1) *course text*, (2) *syllabus*, (3) *class hand-outs*, and (4) *highlighter pen* for class session. Student can follow-along in their books while viewing the lectures and highlight the appropriate sections discussed in the chapter.

**Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):** After the *completion* of this *course*, the student should be able to:

(1) Students will be able to *evaluate* sociological theories and use them to *analyze* and *understand* aspects of the social world (*Sociology Department SLO*).

(2) Students will be able to collect, analyze, and interpret data and draw valid *conclusions* from their *analyses* (*Sociology Department SLO*).

(3) Students will have clear and effective verbal and written communication skills (*Sociology Department SLO*).

(4) *Discuss* the major *theoretical models* of *substance abuse* and *drug addiction* as related to *sociology*, *criminology*, *biology* and *psychology* and describe the *social conditions* that *encourage* or *inhibit* drug addiction and addiction related *criminal behavior*.

(5) *Define* drug abuse and addiction and *discuss* domestic and international drug use *trends*, and describe the various *patterns* and *structures* of drug related *organized crime* and drug addiction *prevention* from the perspectives of *criminal justice*.

**Plagiarism Penalty:** Individuals who engage in plagiarism will receive no credit for this sociology course.

<b><u>Session:</u></b>	<b><u>Dates:</u></b>	<b><u>Day:</u></b>	<b><u>Material Presented:</u></b>
Session 1	September 5th, 2017	Tuesday	<b><i>Course Orientation. Course Paper Requirement.</i></b>
Session 2	September 12th, 2017	Tuesday	Chapter 1: Introduction to Drug Abuse.
Session 3	<b>September 19th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	Chapter 2: Drug Use and Drug Legislation. Chapter 3: The Biology of Drug Use. <b><i>Research Paper Topic due to Instructor for Approval.</i></b>
Session 4	<b>September 26th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	Chapter 4: Depressants. Chapter 5: Stimulants. <b><i>Draft Section 1 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. Section 1: Introduction to the Drug.</i></b>
Session 5	<b>October 3rd, 2017</b>	Tuesday	<b><i>Exam 1 (students will be required to take the exam within a 72 hour time limit after being posted).</i></b>
Session 6	<b>October 10th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	Chapter 6: Hallucinogens and Club Drugs. <b><i>Draft Section 2 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. Section 2: Historical Background of the Drug.</i></b>
Session 7	October 17th, 2017	Tuesday	Chapter 7: Sociology of Drug Abuse. Chapter 8: Psychology of Drug Abuse.
Session 8	<b>October 24th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	Chapter 9: Drug Abuse Prevention. Chapter 10: Drug Abuse Treatment. <b><i>Draft Section 3 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. Section 3: Positive and Negative Effects of the Drug.</i></b>
Session 9	<b>October 31st, 2017</b>	Tuesday	<b><i>Exam 2 (students will be required to take the exam within a 72 hour time limit after being posted).</i></b>
Session 10	November 7th, 2017	Tuesday	Chapter 11: The Business of Drugs and Nacro-Terrorism.
Session 11	<b>November 14th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	Chapter 12: Drugs Laws and Enforcement. <b><i>Draft Section 4 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. Section 4: Conclusion and Opinion of the Drug.</i></b>
Session 12	November 21st, 2017	Tuesday	Chapter 13: Drug Abuse Policy.
Session 13	<b>November 28th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	Chapter 14: Decriminalization and Harm Reduction. <b><i>Draft Section 5 of Research Paper due to Instructor for comments/feedback. Section 5: Reference Section.</i></b>
Session 14	<b>December 5th, 2017</b>	Tuesday	<b><i>Exam 3 (students will be required to take the exam within a 72 hour time limit after being posted).</i></b>  <b><i>Also: Final Research Paper due to Instructor.</i></b>