407 SAPP  Street Drugs, Crime, and Law

3 Credits - Graded or Pass/No Pass Option

CRN:  26701 Winter 2012

Day/Time:  Tue, 6:00 PM - 8:50 PM  (105 ESL)

Course Type: Term Long Course

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Course Description:

This course has been developed to provide students with an opportunity to examine the many facets that impact the way we respond, intellectually and emotionally, to the drug issues that face our nation's communities today. This understanding involves a discussion of drug prevention strategies from a number of angles to include: what are our attitudes and perspectives about drugs (where do they come from and are they correct); an historical look at national drugs laws (what can we learn from our past and current response, to better inform our response of the future); defining the national Drug Public Policy (how effective are these three components of law enforcement, treatment and education on the "War on Drugs"); and how the political process and societal pressure can influences the direction of our prevention response strategies. Once that background has been developed the students are prepared to explore addiction potential, criminal conduct and community harm through a comprehensive examination of psychoactive street drugs.

Course Goals:

To provide students with:

• Comprehensive information about psychoactive street drugs.
• A basis for knowledge about and an understanding of street drugs, as they relate to enforcement, treatment, education, and the society.
The opportunity to explore their own attitudes about drugs and drug use.

Course Requirements:

Please come to class prepared. All readings for the assigned week should be completed before the start of class.

Success in this course is reflected by class attendance and participation, and the completion of assignments in a professional and timely manner.

Grading Criteria:

The grades will be calculated from 100 total possible points, based upon a combination of the following criteria:

25 points = Mid-term Examination
25 points = Final Examination
25 points = Research Paper
25 points = Punctuality & Weekly Challenge Questions

A = 90 to 100 points
B = 80 to 89
C = 70 to 79
D = 60 to 69
F= 59 & below

General Expectations:

Attendance is mandatory! Weekly attendance will be taken. Class will begin on time. Punctuality is essential and is considered a sign of respect for peers, instructor, and yourself. Tardiness or leaving early will be considered an unexcused absence for the entire class period. All course work must be turned in promptly or the student will earn a no pass.

Each week four to six challenge questions based on the readings will be distributed in class. If you are absent, you may not make up the challenge question. ALL READINGS FOR THE ASSIGNED WEEK SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE CLASS. A complete listing of all weekly readings and instructions for accessing readings on the web is included in your syllabus.

The instructor will not provide class notes to the student. If a class is missed, it is the student's responsibility to gather the missed material from fellow students.

Research Paper:
Due week 8, February 28, 2012, at the beginning of class. A term paper topic will be assigned within the first two weeks of class. The term paper will consist of at least six (6) - but not more than eight (8) typed and double-spaced pages of text, citing at least 4 peer reviewed sources. The term paper will be evaluated on the clarity of thought and effectiveness in addressing the selected topic. It is expected that the paper will be done in proper form and include footnotes and a reference list. APA style is required.

Midterm:

Week 6, February 14, 2012, at the beginning of class. This examination will be made up of multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions. The examinations will be prepared from lecture material presented, video presentations, and from material presented by guest lecturers. The mid-term examination date will be announced in class at least a week prior to that examination. This examination does not include material from the weekly readings.

Final Examination:

Date of exam is per U of O finals schedule. This examination will be made up of multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions. The examinations will be prepared from lecture material presented, video presentations, and from material presented by guest lecturers. This examination does not include material from the weekly readings or material presented prior to the mid-term.

Readings & Assignments by Week

Please complete all readings BEFORE class. You may access these readings through the online syllabus at the SAPP website, as assigned by the instructor. Additional readings may be required throughout the course.

Week 1:

Title: Introduction

Readings:

None

Week 2:

Title: Public Policy

Description/Assignments:
Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week.

Readings:

- Drugs AN: 26273759
- The Drug Policy Debate Erich Goode AN: 759278

Week 3:

Title: Treatment Issues

Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week.

Readings:

- Reforming United States Drug Control Policy: Three Suggestions Richard J. Bonnie AN: 5435671
- Rethinking Drug Policy, Blake Harrison AN: 4849974
- Who’s Using and Who’s Doing Time AN: 32130145
- Youth Substance Use and Abuse AN: 28793627

Week 4:

Title: Education Issues

Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week.

Readings:

- CASA School Survey AN: 26251875
- Diffusion of the D.A.R.E. AN: 21954721
- Drugs Education at the Transition from Primary to Secondary School: The Pupils’ Views Pam Cole AN: 2941929
• The Effectiveness of Primary School Drug Education Charlie Lloyd, Ruth Joyce, Jane Hurry & Mike Ashton AN: 4176625

Week 5:

Title: Police and Justice

Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week.

Readings:

• Safety in Public Housing AN: 31833555

Week 6:

Title: Midterm

Readings:

None

Week 7:

Title: Cocaine, Meth and Drug Money

Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week.

Readings:

• Fueling Global Crime AN: 15614618
• The Coca Leaf War. Hodgson, M. AN: 3086676
Week 8:

Title: The Prohibition Solution

Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week. **Research paper due.**

Readings:

- [The Economics of drug prohibition and drug legalization.] Miron, J.A. AN: 5435651

Week 9:

Title: Alternative Approaches

Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week.

Readings:

- [The case for legalization.] *Economist*, 360 (2001) AN: 4898531

Week 10:

Title: Legalization Issues
Description/Assignments:

Challenge questions based on assigned readings and/or class discussion from last week. Instructor and course evaluations.

Instructor/course evaluations.

Readings:


SAPP adheres to and supports the U of O policies listed below.

For information about them click on the link we have provided or call us at 346-4135.

Use of Personal Technology & Literature:

- Laptops may ONLY be used in class for the purpose of note taking. Web surfing, games, instant messaging, email, and working on homework for other classes tends to be distracting to others and is prohibited during class time. If you find you must do otherwise, please excuse yourself for the remainder of the class time. However, you will not earn participation points for that day.
- Non-course materials - Magazines, books, newspapers and other literature, including homework from other classes, may be a distraction for others in class and is therefore prohibited. Please save these activities for time other than in class.
- Music/Video player use during class is strictly prohibited. This is a definite distraction for others.
- Cell phones are to be silenced and not used during class time. This includes sending or receiving calls or use of text messaging. If you find you need to use your cell phone, please excuse yourself for the remainder of the class time. However, you will not earn participation points for that day.

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Bias Response Team:
http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~brt/
Phone: 346-1139

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