

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS**

FACULTY MEMBER: **TERM:**

COURSE TITLE: Drugs and Society

COURSE NUMBER: MAJ 6612

OFFICE HOURS/METHOD OF CONTACT:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Analysis and definition of drugs of abuse and their effect on society are presented in this course. Both the legal aspects and the social costs will be factored into the discussion. Controversial issues, including legalization and foreign relations, will be discussed. State and federal laws will be examined in light of other available options. Major offenders, including gangs and cartels, as well as current trends, strategies, and policies will be presented.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

GOAL A:

Students will conduct an exhausting review of the history of drug abuse and the growth of the illicit drug trade in the United States.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

- A-1** Examine and discuss the opium trade of the 1800's.
- A-2** Analyze and discuss the drug trade in the Prohibition Era.
- A-3** Analyze and discuss the drug trade in the Post war years.
- A-4** Analyze and discuss the drug trade in the 1960's.
- A-5** Examine and discuss the current drug trade.
- A-6** Create a list of the effects of specific drugs that individuals abuse including stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, narcotics, cannabis, steroids, inhalants, mood drugs, date rape drugs, and the diet drug controversy.
- A-7** Develop an understanding of the domestic criminal drug trade.

GOAL B:

Students will study several criminological theories relative to criminal behavior. The student will apply these theories and discuss how they explain the behavior associated with drug abuse and other drug related activity. The student will examine victimless crimes as they relate to drugs, vice and prostitution.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

- B-1** Debate the argument that vice, drugs and other bad habits are “victimless crimes” when viewed in the aggregate of criminal activity.
- B-2** Analyze and discuss Shaw

Additionally, any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will be treated in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the Policies and Regulations section of the Wilmington University Student Handbook.

C. Evaluation Procedures:

- A. 50 points Term Paper
- B. 90 points Discussion Board
- C.