

Drugs and Society, BIO 1033- Secs.001, 729, 730, 731, 732, 746.  
Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-9:15  
MB 0.104

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**Course Description:** The purpose of this course is to learn about the biological effects, pharmacology and neurochemistry of alcohol, drugs and other behaviors, and to examine these substances and behaviors in their historical, social and psychological contexts.

**Text:** Inaba, D.S and Cohen, W.E. "*Uppers, Downers and All Arounders*", 5<sup>th</sup> edition. CNS Publications, Inc. Ashland, Oregon, 2004.

**Course Requirements:** This course covers a lot of material and moves quickly. Each student is expected to attend each class, study the assigned chapter before it is presented in class and take three multiple choice and one final exam.

**Exams and Grading:** There will be 3 multiple-choice exams during the course, with 50 questions each. There will be no make up tests during the year under any circumstances. Those taking all three exams, the worst score will be dropped and grades from the best two will be added (for a maximum of 100 points). Those missing one of the three exams will have the grades from the two exams taken (for a maximum of 100 points). In addition, there will be a final exam consisting of 100 questions. **EVERYONE MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM.** The final exam will be comprehensive and will cover all the material presented over the course of the semester. Points from the partial exams and the final exam will be added (for a maximum of 200; please note that the grade from the final exam accounts for half the grade of the entire course) and grades will be assigned as follows: A (180-200), B (160-179), C (140-159), D (120-139), F (119 and below). In addition, attendance will be taken several times randomly during the semester, and will be used in determining borderline grades (if your course average is reasonably close to a higher grade). **Please bring a scantron form (ParScore 8000 Form No. X101864) and pencil on exam days.**

**Presentation Schedule:** *(subject to change)*

Aug 23: Introduction and Organizational Meeting

Aug 28: History of Psychoactive Drugs

Aug 30: History (cont'd) and Classification of Psychoactive Drugs

Sept 4: Heredity, Environment and Psychoactive Drugs

Sept 6: Heredity, Environment and Psychoactive Drugs (cont'd)

Sept 11: VIDEO: "Uppers, Downers, All Arounders: Drugs and Effects"

Sept 13: Uppers

Sept 18: VIDEO: "Roots of Addiction" and "Methamphetamine: the Rush to Crash"

Sept 20: Uppers (cont'd)

Sept 25: Videos: "Cocaine and Crack: a Craving for More" and "Heroin: from Pleasure to Pain"

Sept 27: EXAM 1

Oct 2: Downers: Opiate/Opioids & Sedative Hypnotics

Oct 4: Downers: Alcohol

Oct 9: Downers: Alcohol (cont'd)

Oct 11: VIDEO: "Alcohol and its Effects"

Oct 16: All Arounders

Oct 18: All Arounders (cont'd)

Oct 23: Other Drugs, other Addictions

Oct 25: Video: "Psychoactive: Club Drugs and Inhalants"

Oct 30: EXAM 2

Nov 1: Drug Use and Prevention: from Cradle to Grave

Nov 6: Drug Use and Prevention: from Cradle to Grave (cont'd)

Nov 8: Treatment

Nov 13: Mental Health and Drugs

Nov 15: Mental Health and Drugs (cont'd)

Nov 20: VIDEO: "Marijuana: the Mirror that Magnifies"

Nov 27: EXAM3

Nov 29: VIDEO: "Compulsive Gambling and Recovery"

Dec 4: Study Day

Dec 6: Final EXAM: Time: 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.