Sociology 414/514: Alcohol and Other Drugs
Fall 2011
Syllabus

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Course Description:
This course provides a broad overview of the social causes and consequences of drug and alcohol use with an emphasis on American society. Course content includes historical trends in drug use, theories of drug use and abuse, and social responses to drug use including law enforcement, drug treatment, and drug policy.

Course Material
There is 1 required text for this course:

Course Requirements and Grading:
Undergraduates
Grades will be based on
- 2 exams (1 midterm and 1 final exam)
- 5 bi-weekly assignments

Exams will be both multiple choice and short answer. Students MUST bring exam booklets to exams.

Bi-weekly assignments include individual and group assignments based on supplemental reading and activities. Assignments will be completed both individually, and also in small groups in class. There are no make-up assignments allowed.

Grades will be determined as follows:
100 pts Midterm
100 pts Final Exam
100 pts Bi-weekly Assignments

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Course Schedule
All readings should be completed PRIOR to assigned dates.

Week 1  Sept 26th - Sept 30th Drug Use: Image and Reality
         Reading : Goode Chapters 1 and 2

Week 2  Oct 3rd - Oct 7th
         Reading: Goode Chapter 3
         Assignment 1 due October 6th: News Coverage

Week 3  Oct 10th - Oct 14th
         Reading: Goode Chapters 4 and 5

Week 4  Oct 17th - Oct 21st
         Reading: Goode Chapter 6
         Assignment 2 due October 20th: Patterns in drug use and abuse

Week 5  Oct 24th - Oct 28th
         Midterm Exam October 27th
         Reading: Goode Chapter 7 and 8

Week 6  Oct 31st - Nov 4th
         Reading: Goode Chapters 9-11
         Assignment 3 due November 3rd: Which drug is the most dangerous and why?

Week 7  Nov 7th - Nov 11th
         Reading Goode Chapters 12 and 13

Week 8  Nov 14th - Nov 18th
         Reading Goode Chapters 14 and 15
         Assignment 4 due November 10th: Do Drugs Cause Crime?

Week 9  Nov 21st - Nov 25th
         Reading: Goode Chapter 16

Week 10 Nov 28th - Dec 2nd
         Reading: Goode Chapter 16 continued
         Assignment 5 due December 1st: Legalize it?!

         FINAL EXAM WILL BE THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH AT 10:15 AM