Sociology 414/514: Alcohol and Other Drugs
Spring 2013
Syllabus

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Course meets Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:50 in Cramer Hall 269.

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 one required text for this course:

Course Requirements and Grading:
Undergraduates
Grades will be based on
- 2 exams (1 midterm and 1 final exam)
- 4-5 bi-weekly assignments
- 1-2 Pop Quizzes

Graduate Students
- Same requirements as undergraduates, except in lieu of the final exam, you will be expected to write a 12-15 page research paper due on June 11th. We will meet early in the term to discuss the parameters.

Exams will be both multiple choice and short answer. Students MUST bring exam answer forms and booklets to both 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. Make-up assignments will not be allowed. There are 5 available assignments, but only 4 are counted. This means students may choose to complete only 4 of them, or complete all 5 and the 4 with the highest grades will be counted toward your final grade.

Grades will be determined as follows:
80 pts Bi-weekly Assignments
100 pts Midterm
100 pts Final Exam (paper for graduate students)
20 pts 1-2 Pop Quizzes

Grading scale (%)

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Course Schedule

All readings should be completed prior to assigned dates.

Week 1  April 2 & 4
Drug Use: Image and Reality
  Reading: Goode Chapters 1 and 2

Week 2  April 9 & 11
  Reading: Goode Chapter 3
  Assignment 1 due Thursday, April 11: News coverage

Week 3  April 16 & 18
  Reading: Goode Chapters 4 and 5

Week 4  April 23 & 25
  Reading: Goode Chapter 6
  Assignment 2 due Thursday, April 25: Patterns in drug use and abuse

Week 5  April 30 & May 2
  Midterm Exam Thursday, May 2
  Reading: Goode Chapter 7 and 8

Week 6  May 7 & 9
  Reading: Goode Chapters 9-11
  Assignment 3 due Thursday, May 9: Which drug is most dangerous and why?

Week 7  May 14 & 16
  Reading Goode Chapters 12 and 13

Week 8  May 21 & 23
  Reading Goode Chapters 14 and 15
  Assignment 4 due TUESDAY, May 21: Do drugs cause crime?

Week 9  May 28 & 30
  Reading: Goode Chapter 16

Week 10 June 4 & 6
  Reading: Goode Chapter 16 continued
  Assignment 5 due Thursday, June 6: Legalize it?!

  FINAL EXAM WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 11th AT 10:15 AM