

**Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology**

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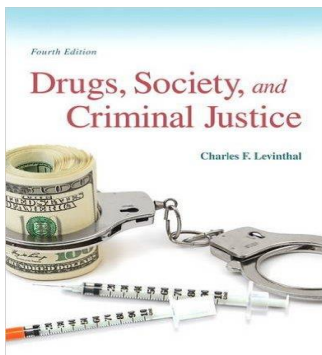
**Substance Use and Abuse**

**Fall 2017**



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***REQUIRED TEXTBOOK***



**Drugs, Society and Criminal Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**  
**Charles F. Levinthal**  
**Pearson Publishing, 2015**

**ISBN-13: 978-0133802580**  
**ISBN-10: 0133802582**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**– This course introduces students to the topic of substance use and abuse through an examination of the history of drugs, drug laws and the development of criminal justice policies as they relate to drugs. In addition, the biological, social, and theoretical perspectives about drug use are examined. Details relating to the specific characteristics of the various categories of drugs and methods of prevention and intervention are highlighted throughout the course.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. Understand the relationship between drugs and criminal justice system.
2. Learn the fundamental principles, perspectives, and theories of drug use and abuse to include the terminology related to both legal and illegal substances.
3. Understand drug taking behaviors and the strategies used for prevention and intervention.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS** – During the course, you are required to be familiar with the assigned reading material each week and prepare for discussion in class. There are three (3) exams, four (4) participation exercises and multiple current event exercises during the semester. Although there are multiple current event dates, each student will only be required to report on one (1) event.

***\*It is your responsibility check emails for announcements relevant to course materials \****

**Exams** There are **three exams** administered during the semester. Each exam is worth 100 points and may include multiple choice, true false and short answer. There are a total of 300 points available through exams.

**Class participation/discussion exercises**-There are four (4) class participation/discussion exercises. These may be in class or online and appear on the syllabus. Each exercise is worth 15 points. If you satisfactorily complete each of the four (4) assignments, you will accumulate 60 points. 45 points is full credit, with an opportunity for 15 points extra credit. **Due to the participation/discussion nature of these exercises, they cannot be made-up unless extraordinary circumstances exist.**

**Current events** –Each student will report out briefly (5- 7 min) on a current event relevant to the course topic. This will be a verbal report to the class and a 1-2 paragraph document (brief summary with a reference) for submission to the instructor. 55 points is full credit

**GRADING**--Please ensure that you monitor your grades and know unless you are on the verge of a higher grade (ie 89.6) consideration will not be given to change grades. There will be NO individual extra credit opportunities. Your final grade for the course will be determined by the number of points you earn. There are 300 points from exams; 45 points for participation exercises; 55 points for current events for a total of 400 total possible points

A = 360-400

B = 320-359

C = 280-319

D = 240-279

F = 0-239

Please pay close attention to the due dates to ensure you are not penalized for late assignments. *Late assignments completed within a week may be accepted with a 5 point penalty and assignments more than 1 week late may be accepted at the discretion of the instructor with additional late points.*

**MAKE UP EXAMS** –In an emergency situation or if there is a legitimate school related conflict and an exam must be missed, please contact me in advance for approval to make an alternate arrangement.

**STUDENT ACADEMIC POLICIES** concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days may be found at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

**USE OF TELEPHONES AND TEXT MESSAGES IN ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES:** <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-curriculum.html>

**Instructor Classroom Policy**

*Cell phones should not be in use during the class period; In the event of an emergency, a student must notify the instructor and exit the classroom for cell phone use.*

*During testing periods, cell phones must be stored and not visible to students.*



**COURSE OUTLINE** -- This schedule may change at the discretion of the instructor.

Unit	Wk	Day	Date	Topics (read chapters and PowerPoints)	Deadlines
1	1	Thur	8/24	Welcome/Overview	Read Syllabus
	2	Tue	8/29	Introductions/Syllabus/Class expectations	
		Thur	8/31	Chapter 1 & 2-Understanding the Drug Problem in USA & Globally	
	3	Tue	9/5	Chapter 3-The History of Drug Use & Control Policy	
		Thur	9/7	Chapter 4 & 5-Fundamentals of Drug-Taking Behavior; Theoretical Perspectives on Drug Use and Abuse	
	4	Tue	9/12	<b>Current Events Group 1</b>	
		Thur	9/14	Chapter 6 -Drugs and Crime	
	5	Tue	9/19	Participation Activity	
		Thur	9/21	<b>Exam 1 (Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6)</b>	Exam 1
2	6	Tue	9/26	Chapter 7-Drugs and Law Enforcement	
		Thur	9/28	Chapter 8-Drugs, Courts, and Correctional Systems	
	7	Tue	10/3	<b>Current Events Group 2</b>	
		Thur	10/5	Chapter 9-Opioids: Heroin & Prescription Pain Meds	
	8	Tue	10/10	Heroin and Prescription Medication continued	
		Thur	10/12	Participation Activity	
	9	Tue	10/17	Chapter 10-Cocaine and Methamphetamine	
		Thur	10/19	Chapter 11-LSD and other Hallucinogens	
	10	Tue	10/24	<b>Current Events Group 3</b>	
		Thur	10/26	Chapter 12 Marijuana	
	11	Tue	10/31	Participation Activity	
		Thur	11/2	<b>Exam 2 (Chapters 7,8,9,10,11,12)</b>	Exam 2
3	12	Tue	11/7	Chapter 13-Performance Enhancing Drugs and Drug Screening Tests Chapter 14-Depressants and Inhalants	
		Thur	11/9	<b>Current Events Group 4</b>	
	13	Tue	11/14	Chapter 15-Alcohol Use and Chronic Alcohol Abuse Chapter 16-Nicotine and tobacco Use	
		Thur	11/16	Chapter 17-Substance abuse Treatment and Prevention	
	14	Tue	11/21	Participation Activity	
		Thur	11/23	<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>	
	15	Tue	11/28	<b>Current Events Group 5</b>	
		Thur	11/30	Make up Exams/Conference/Review	
		FINALS		<b>FINAL Exam (chapters 13, 14,15,16,17)</b>	FINAL EXAM