

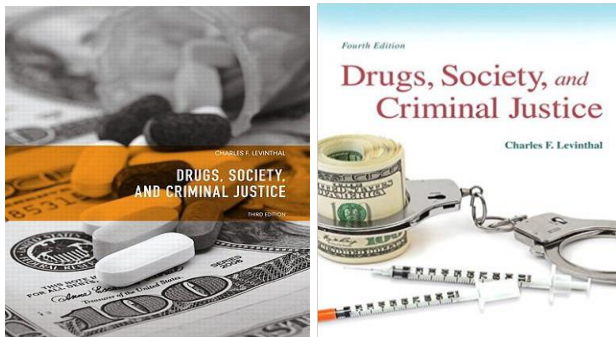
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
CRIJ 4362.03 -- ONLINE
Substance Use and Abuse
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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Drugs, Society, and Criminal Justice 3rd or 4th Edition by Charles Levinthal, Pearson Publishing ***Other Readings as assigned, available on Electronic Reserve.***



COURSE DESCRIPTION– This course provides an introduction to 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 is 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 the 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 the drug taking behaviors and the strategies used for prevention and intervention.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS –

There will be four exams, consisting of multiple choice worth 50 points each for a total of 200 points. Students are also required to submit 5 journal entries worth 40 points each for a total of 200 points.

*****It is your responsibility to check emails routinely for changes to the syllabus or announcements that may be relevant to the course materials.*****

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. If extra credit is offered, it will be made available to the entire class. There will be NO individual extra credit opportunities.

Exams (4 @ 50 points each)	200
Journal Entries (5 @ 40 points each)	200
TOTAL POINTS	400

A = 90 – 100	(360-400)
B = 80 – 89	(320-359)
C = 70 – 79	(280-319)
D = 60 – 69	(240-279)
F = 59 and Below	(0-239)

Please pay close attention to the due dates to ensure you are not penalized for late assignments. *Late assignments will 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 deductions.*

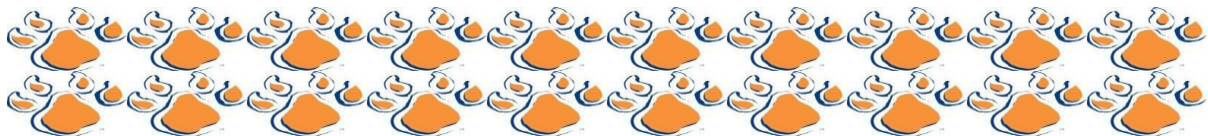
MAKE UP EXAMS –In an emergency situation or if there is a legitimate school related conflict and an exam must be missed, please contact me in advance for approval to make an alternate arrangement.

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>

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

UNIT 1 (January 17-February 11)

Session 1: Introduction/Syllabus, Science and “Ways of Knowing”--Wallace Chapter 1

Session 2: History of Drug Use/Development of Anti-Drug Legislation-Levinthal Chapter 1-3

Overview of Theoretical Perspectives on Drug Use and Abuse-Levinthal Chapter 4

Journal #1 Theories due before midnight on Sunday February 11

Session 3: Background on Marijuana Use & its Relation to Crime-Levinthal Chapter 10
A Study of Marijuana Use among Young Offenders-Golub & Johnson (2001)

Session 4: Examining Support for and against the “Gateway Theory”-Morrall (2002),
Kandel

ONLINE EXAM #1 DUE BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON Sunday February 11

UNIT 2 (February 12-March 11)

Session 5 The Major Stimulants: Cocaine and Methamphetamine-*Levinthal Chapter 8*

Background Information on Depressants and Inhalants-*Levinthal Chapter 11*

Session 6 “Narcotic” Drugs: Opium, Heroin & Synthetic Opiates-*Levinthal Chapter 7*

30 years of Research on the Criminality of Narcotic Addicts-*Nurco (1998)*

Session 7 Background Information on LSD and Other Hallucinogens-*Levinthal Chapter 9*

Examining the Criminal Involvement among Young, Male Ecstasy Users-*Henderson & Gerstein (2005)*

ONLINE EXAM #2 DUE BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON Sunday, March 11

UNIT 3 (March 19-April 8)

Session 8 An Overview of Anabolic Steroids and Drug Use in Sports-*Levinthal Chapter 12*;
Video Clips on Chris Benoit

Journal #2 – due before midnight on Sunday April 8

Session 9 Learning about Alcohol: Social Beverages/Social Drug-*Levinthal Chapter 13*

Overview of Chronic Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-*Levinthal Chapter 14*

Session 10 Other Legal Drugs: Negative Effects of Nicotine and Tobacco-*Levinthal Chapter 12*

Societal Dangers and Social Policies for Alcohol and Tobacco

Video on “Britain’s 20 most Dangerous Drugs”

Journal #3 –due before midnight on Sunday April 8

Session 11 Background on the Relationship Between Drugs and Crime-*Levinthal Chapter 5*

Examining Effective Law Enforcement Strategies for Combating Drugs

Journal #4 Harm Reduction due before midnight on Sunday April 8

ONLINE EXAM #3 DUE BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON Sunday April 8

UNIT 4 (April 9-May 9)

Session 12 Drug Interdiction: Can the Borders be Sealed?-*Rueter (1988)*

How to Effectively Adjudicate Drug-Involved Offenders-Cooper (1994), *Gottfredson, et al (2002)*

Alternative Drug Policies: Prevention & Treatment-*Levinthal Chapter 16*

Session 13 Effectiveness of Prisons vs. Treatment for Drug-Involved Offenders

Journal #5 Prevention due before midnight on Sunday May 6

Session 14 Overview of Treatment that Works for Drug-Involved Offenders

Therapeutic Communities as Treatment for Drug Offenders

Prevention of Drug Abuse and Alternatives to the DARE Program

Varying Perspectives in the Debate over Drug Policies

Session 15 FINAL EXAM

ONLINE EXAM #4 DUE BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON Wednesday May 9th