

Term Information

Effective Term Spring 2016

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Sociology
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Sociology - D0777
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences
Level/Career Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog 4506
Course Title Drugs and Society
Transcript Abbreviation DrugsSociety
Course Description Sociological perspective on substance use; Exploration of the causes, consequences, and criminalization of substance use; Consideration of race and class differences in drug enforcement; Media portrayals of substance use; Global perspectives on drug use and drug law
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No
Grading Basis Letter Grade
Repeatable No
Course Components Lecture
Grade Roster Component Lecture
Credit Available by Exam No
Admission Condition Course No
Off Campus Never
Campus of Offering Columbus

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites Prereq: Junior Standing or higher or permission of instructor
Exclusions

Cross-Listings

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Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 45.1101
Subsidy Level Baccalaureate Course
Intended Rank Junior, Senior

Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Understand the sociological perspective on substance use analyze race and class differences in drug enforcement, media portrayals of substance use and global variations.
- Analyze social and structural causes and consequences of drug use
- Think critically about race and class differences in drug enforcement and criminalization
- Analyze media portrayals of substance use
- Understand global variations in substance use, drug enforcement, and criminalization

Content Topic List

- Causes of Substance Use
- History of drug prohibition
- Drugs and the media
- Drugs and social institutions
- Drugs, crime, and violence
- Drugs and the criminal justice system
- Domestic and international drug trade
- Prevention and treatment of drug abuse
- Cross-national comparisons of drug prohibition and use
- Drug policy

Attachments

- SOC 4506 Drugs and Society Proposal.docx: Syllabus
(Syllabus. Owner: Williams,Kristi L.)
- Official Sociology & Crim Curriculum Map April 2015_rev 4.14.15.xlsx: Curriculum Map
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Williams,Kristi L.)
- WGSS Concurrence.pdf: WGSS Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Williams,Kristi L.)
- Social Work Concurrence.pdf: Social Work Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Williams,Kristi L.)
- Anthropology concurrence.pdf: Anthropology Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Williams,Kristi L.)

Comments

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Williams,Kristi L.	04/15/2015 06:01 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Williams,Kristi L.	04/15/2015 06:02 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Haddad,Deborah Moore	04/15/2015 07:25 PM	College Approval
Pending Approval	Nolen,Dawn Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal Hanlin,Deborah Kay Jenkins,Mary Ellen Bigler Hogle,Danielle Nicole	04/15/2015 07:25 PM	ASCCAO Approval



Drugs and Society: SOC 4506

Autumn 2014

Professor Mike Vuolo.

Class Times:

Office Hours:

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this class, we will approach the phenomenon of substance use from a sociological perspective. This viewpoint will lead us to examine questions such as why do individuals use drugs, why are some substances criminalized while others are not, what is the relationship between race and class and the adoption and enforcement of drug laws, what effect has the proliferation of drug laws had on the criminal justice system and other social institutions, and how else are drugs approached around the world and what are other potential models of substance control. Throughout, we will watch media portrayals of drugs in news, movies, television, commercials, and music in order to critically examine how drugs are portrayed to the public. In discussions, we will analyze advantages and disadvantages of approaches to each of the above questions from all points on the political spectrum.

Required Books:

Faupel, Charles E., Alan M. Horowitz, and Greg S. Weaver. 2010. *The Sociology of American Drug Use, Second Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Supplemental reading sources (provided by the instructor):

Goode, Erich. 2007. *Drugs in American Society, Seventh Edition*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

MacCoun, Robert J., and Peter Reuter. 2001. *Drug War Heresies: Learning from Other Vices, Times, and Places*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

MacCoun, Robert J., and Peter Reuter. 2002. "The Varieties of Drug Control at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 582:7-19.

Course Requirements: There are two exams and four short written assignments for this course.

1. Exams: (30% each = 60% of total grade)

There will be a midterm and final for this course. The exams will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false, matching, and short answer questions. The midterm is very close to the beginning of Spring Break, please plan accordingly.

2. Written assignments: (10% each = 40% of total grade)

There will be four short written assignments of two varieties. The first type will ask you to read one scholarly article on substance use, summarizing and critically analyzing the results in the paper. The second type will ask you to watch two movies from a provided list and critically analyze how substance use is depicted in those movies. No paper should be more than 4 double-spaced pages. The assignments with more specific details will be posted on the class website at least two weeks prior to when they are due.

Policies and Miscellaneous

-Attendance is not mandatory. However, you will be highly disadvantaged by missing class. There is valuable information given during lecture that is not in the assigned readings and you are expected to know lecture material for the exams.

-There is no extra credit in this class.

-Incomplete coursework is a major inconvenience for students and instructors. You are expected to do everything in your power to avoid this situation. No incompletes will be given unless you have a prior written agreement with the instructor.

- Legitimate reasons for missing an exam include verified illnesses and extremely serious family emergencies. Proper documentation is required to make up an exam. No exams will be given early. No late papers will be accepted.

Unpaid Fees: Faculty rules specify that students are to have their fees paid by the first day of enrollment for the quarter. [Faculty Rule 3335-9-12]. If you have not paid your fees, you will not be allowed to continue attending class until: 1. your fees are paid, OR 2. you have met with a Sociology Advisor and Financial Aid and are working to get your fees paid.

Disposition of Exams and Assignments: ALL EXAMS AND PAPERS WILL BE DISCARDED at the end of Spring Semester 2015. If you have questions about individual grades or your final course grade, please raise them immediately so that they can be resolved well before this deadline.

Notes on Appropriate Use of Course Materials: The materials distributed in this class, including the syllabus, exams, handouts, study aides, and in-class lectures, may be protected by copyright and are provided solely for the educational use of students enrolled in this course. You are not permitted to re-distribute them for purposes unapproved by the instructor; in particular you are not permitted to post course materials or your notes from lectures and discussions on commercial websites. Unauthorized uses of course materials may be considered academic misconduct.

Academic Misconduct: The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the University's Code of Student Conduct, and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University's Code of Student Conduct and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University's Code of Student Conduct is never considered an "excuse" for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by University Rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the University's Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the University.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS:

Any student who needs an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307 TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>) in room 150 Pomerene Hall. Students with documented disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor and seeking available assistance in a timely manner. This syllabus is available in alternative formats on request from the Sociology Advising Office in Townshend Hall

Class Schedule & Readings

Week 1:

Topic: Basic concepts
Reading: Faupel Ch. 1

Week 2:

Topic: Data sources and trends
Reading: Faupel Ch. 4, Ch. 6 (pp. 175-193)

Week 3:

Topic: Specific substances; How to find scholarly articles
Reading: Faupel Ch. 3, Ch. 8

Week 4:

Topic: Causes of substance use
Reading: Faupel Ch. 5, Ch. 10

Week 5:

Topic: History of drug prohibition
Reading: Faupel Ch. 2
Assignment: **Assignment #1 due (article)**

Week 6:

Topic: Drugs and the media
Reading: Goode Ch. 5

Week 7:

Topic: Drugs and social institutions; Midterm review
Reading: Faupel Ch. 6 (pp. 193-210), Ch. 7, Ch. 9 (pp. 291-301)
Assignment: **Assignment #2 due (movie)**

Week 8: REVIEW, CATCH UP AND MIDTERM

Week 9:

Topic: Drugs, crime, and violence
Readings: Faupel Ch. 11

Week 10:

Topic: Drugs and the criminal justice system
Reading: Faupel Ch. 12 (pp. 375-389); Goode Ch. 14

Week 11:

Topic: International and domestic drug trade
Reading: Faupel Ch. 9 (pp. 272-291); Goode Ch. 13
Assignment: **Assignment #3 due (article)**

Week 12:

Topic: Prevention and treatment
Readings: Faupel Ch. 13, Ch. 14

Week 13:

Topic: Cross-national comparisons of drug prohibition and rates
Reading: MacCoun & Reuter article; MacCoun & Reuter book Ch. 10-11
Assignment: **Assignment #4 due (movie)**

Week 14:

Topic: Alternative models for drug policy; Final review
Readings: Faupel Ch. 12 (pp. 389-409), Ch. 15

FINAL EXAM DURING UNIVERSITY SCHEDULED DATE AND TIME

Subject: RE: Concurrence Request: Drugs and Society (Sociology) course
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 4:56:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Smooth, Wendy
To: Williams, Kristi
CC: McGraw, William S. (Scott), Elekes, Karen, Babcock, Jennie

Hi Kristi,
The WGSS Department supports the concurrence. I completed your questions below.

A. Course Number: SOCIOL 4506

Level: U

Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: Drugs and Society

Type of Request: New Course

Date responses are needed: **Course will be submitted for approval on April 21, 2015. Please let us know if you need more time to respond.**

B. Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

Name of academic unit reviewing the request:

Wendy G. Smooth, Chair of Undergraduate Studies

Name / title of academic unit representative completing this form

The academic unit supports the proposal.

The academic unit does not support the proposal. Please explain and/or suggest revisions:

Best,
Wendy

Dr. Wendy G. Smooth
Department of Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies
The Ohio State University

President, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

From: Williams, Kristi
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Williams, Kristi
Cc: McGraw, William S. (Scott); Elekes, Karen; Smooth, Wendy; Babcock, Jennie
Subject: Concurrence Request: Drugs and Society (Sociology) course

I am writing to request concurrence from your department for the following proposed Sociology course: SOCIOL 4506, Drugs and Society. The syllabus is attached and relevant details are below. Please complete the 4 questions in Section B below. Of course, feel free to let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Kristi Williams

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Course Title: Drugs and Society

Type of Request: New Course

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let us know if you need more time to respond.

B. _____

Name of academic unit reviewing the request:

Name / title of academic unit representative completing this form

____ The academic unit supports the proposal.

____ The academic unit does not support the proposal. Please explain and/or suggest revisions:

Kristi Williams, PhD

Associate Professor of Sociology
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Department of Sociology

238 Townshend Hall, 1885 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210

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@kristexanite

Subject: RE: Concurrence Request: Drugs and Society (Sociology) course
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 11:12:24 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Babcock, Jennie
To: Williams, Kristi
CC: McGraw, William S. (Scott), Elekes, Karen, Smooth, Wendy

Hello Kristi,

The College of Social Work supports your SOCIOL 4506, Drugs and Society course proposal. This will be a wonderful addition to the curriculum.

Take care,
Jennie



Jennie R. Babcock, MSW, LISW-S

Undergraduate Studies Director

The Ohio State University

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From: Williams, Kristi
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 5:50 PM
To: Williams, Kristi
Cc: McGraw, William S. (Scott); Elekes, Karen; Smooth, Wendy; Babcock, Jennie
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Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: Drugs and Society

Type of Request: New Course

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B. **SOCIAL WORK** Name of academic unit reviewing the request:

Jennie Babcock, Undergraduate Studies Director Name / title of academic unit representative
completing this form

YES The academic unit supports the proposal.

____ The academic unit does not support the proposal. Please explain and/or suggest revisions:

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Subject: RE: Concurrence Request: Drugs and Society (Sociology) course
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 9:38:23 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: McGraw, William S. (Scott)
To: Williams, Kristi

Dear Kristi,

Anthropology supports the proposal (below). Good luck!

Best,
Scott

W. Scott McGraw, PhD
Professor
Department of Anthropology
The Ohio State University
4064 Smith Laboratory
174 West 18th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210-1106

Phone: (614) 688-3794
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Email: mcgraw.43@osu.edu

From: Williams, Kristi
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 5:50 PM
To: Williams, Kristi
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B. Anthropology _____ Name of academic unit reviewing the request:

Scott McGraw, Undergrad Studies Chair _____ Name / title of academic unit
representative completing this form

The academic unit supports the proposal.

The academic unit does not support the proposal. Please explain and/or suggest revisions:

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