

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology

CRMJ 3500 – Drugs and Criminal Justice
3 Credit Hours

Fall 2019
Tuesdays 4:10 PM – 7:00 PM

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 1:30-3:00pm and Wednesdays 10-11:30am; and by appointment

Required readings:

Levinthal, C.F., & Brusman Lovins, L. (2020). Drugs, Society, Criminal Justice. 5th edition. Pearson Publishing. Hoboken, NJ.

Prerequisites: CRMJ 1001, CRMJ/SOC 2400, and CRMJ 2210

Course Description:

Focuses on drugs and their impact on society. Particular interest is paid to the extent of drug use/abuse in America, and the effects of this problem on the criminal justice system and society as a whole. Strategies for controlling both supply and demand will be discussed.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Discuss crime the prevalence and effects of drugs
- Describe the historical context of drugs in the United States
- Discuss major issues related to drugs and the criminal justice system
- Critically analyze drug treatment and policy

Major Topics

- Drug types and effects
- Drug use trends
- Drugs and crime
- Controlling drug use
- Treatment
- Courts and drugs
- Corrections and drugs

Course Requirements:

Zoom

This course is a Web conferencing course that uses online conferencing and is **not** a completely online/distance course. The weekly meeting for this course will be conducted using Zoom, a video-conferencing service provided by the University. Students will need to have a computer with a microphone and video camera. **Students are required to attend the Zoom class periods each week.** Students should treat this time like attending a traditional classroom course. This time will be utilized for lecture and discussion of material. We will meet via Zoom for approximately 2 hours each Tuesday starting at 4:10pm. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed prior to class.

Grading

Grades for this course are evaluated by the following:

- 1) Class participation
- 2) Quizzes
- 3) Writing assignments

Class Participation: All students are expected to knowledgably contribute to class discussions. This means being prepared to discuss course material, asking and answering questions, and engaging in respectful debate. Class attendance is imperative to successfully complete this class and will be counted toward your grade. On the Zoom conference calls, attendance will be taken at the beginning and end of class. To be counted as present, a student must be present at both the beginning and end of class. Calling in using a telephone will not count as attending class. **Class participation CANNOT be made up and students may miss one class without penalty.**

Class participation: 10 points per class (does not include week 1)

Total: 110 points

Quizzes:

Six quizzes will be given in the course. Each quiz will focus on **two** weeks of material. Some of the questions may utilize material from earlier weeks. The quizzes will consist of 15 multiple-choice questions. Each quiz will be worth 20 points. Quizzes will be located in WyoCourses under the quizzes link on the left-hand side of the course page.

If a quiz is assigned for a week, it will open that week on Tuesday night after class at 7:00 PM MT and close on Thursday at 11:59 PM MT. **Students are strongly advised to not wait until the last minute to complete quizzes.**

Quiz Guidelines:

- No makeup quizzes will be given.
- Only one attempt per quiz is allowed.
- Once a quiz is opened, it must be completed.
- Students will have 20 minutes to complete each quiz. The quiz will close after the allotted time has expired.

- Students may not use any notes, the book, persons, or study aids to complete the quizzes. **This will be considered cheating.**

Writing Assignments:

There will be one short writing assignment and a final paper that students will be required to complete outside of class. Due dates and times for each of these assignments are listed in this syllabus. **No late assignments will be accepted. No emailed assignments to the Professor will be accepted.** Directions for each assignment will be posted on WyoCourses. Assigned point values for each of these assignments are as follows:

Paper 1: 25 points

Paper 2: 75 points

Course Policies

Missing an Examination:

Make-up examinations will not be given without a documented (e.g., doctor's note) and valid excuse (e.g., severe illness, family emergency, etc.). With emergencies, you must contact me via email ***within*** 24 hours of the missed examination; however, you still need to provide proper documentation. Failure to contact me within 24 hours ***and*** provide me with proper documentation will result in a zero for the missed examination. If, with the proper notification of 24 hours ***and*** documentation is given, a make-up examination is given, it will be an alternative version to the original examination (e.g., it can be in any format – all essay, all fill-in the blank, all short answer, a combination of formats, etc.). If a make-up examination is scheduled and you fail to complete the make-up examination at the scheduled time, you will receive a zero on the examination.

General Courtesy Issues:

We may discuss topics that are very sensitive in nature during this class. I expect that all students will treat one another with respect at all times. Any disrespectful behavior and/or language will not be tolerated, and you will be dismissed from the class for that day.

You may not record or take pictures of my lecture. Additionally, do not come late to class and/or leave early (unless you otherwise have made arrangements with me), sleep, text message, read outside materials, or wear headphones during the class period. Also, please turn your cell phones off or on silent. If you engage in any of the above behaviors, you may be asked to leave the class.

Contacting Me:

The best way to contact me is through email: jsnyde29@uwyo.edu. I check my email at least once per day, so you should receive a response from me within 24 hours (except weekends). In emails, you **MUST** refer to the course in the subject line. Use proper email etiquette. It is very important to check your email on a regular basis as important class information (e.g., assignments, class cancellations, and changes in the syllabus) will be relayed via email.

WyoCourses:

As a resource for this class, a WyoCourse site is available to you. This site provides the opportunity to have all of the course materials in one place that is accessible to everyone.

Assignments, quizzes, and announcements will be posted to this site. As part of the requirements for this class, you are expected to check and use this site regularly. **Make sure to check your UW email as this is the address that will be utilized for any posted announcements.**

Additional student resources regarding UW's commitment to diversity, upholding non-discriminatory policies and Title IV, duty to report, academic dishonesty, information on disability services, as well as other resources can be found on the class WyoCourses site under the Classroom Climate and Conduct and Learning Tools tabs.

Final Grade Distribution and Scale:

- 1) Class Participation: 110 Points
 - 2) 6 Quizzes: Total: 120 Points
 - 3) 2 papers: 100 Points
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- Total: 330 points

Your grades will be determined by the following scale:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% or less	F

Course Outline

Week 1: Tues Sept 10 - Syllabus and Chapter 1

Week 2: Tues Sept 17 - Chapter 3

Quiz 1: Opens at 7:00pm MT; closes Thursday 11:59pm MT (Ch. 1 and 3)

Week 3: Tues Sept 24 - Chapter 4

Week 4: Tues Oct 1 - Chapter 6

Quiz 2: Opens at 7:00pm MT; closes Thursday 11:59pm MT (Ch. 4 and 6)

Week 5: Tues Oct 8 - Chapter 7

Week 6: Tues Oct 15 - Chapter 8

Quiz 3: Opens at 7:00pm MT; closes Thursday 11:59pm MT (Ch. 7 and 8)

Week 7: Tues Oct 22 - Chapter 9

Paper 1 Due: 4:00pm MT

Week 8: Tues Oct 29 - Chapter 10

Quiz 4: Opens at 7:00pm MT; closes Thursday 11:59pm MT (Ch. 9 and 10)

Week 9: Tues Nov 5 - Chapter 11

Week 10: Tues Nov 12 - *Online Documentary– ASC – No Zoom Meeting*

Week 11: Tues Nov 19 - Chapter 13

Quiz 5: Opens at 7:00pm MT; closes Thursday 11:59pm MT (Ch. 11 and 13)

Week 12: Tues Nov 26 - *No Class: Work on paper 2*

Week 13: Tues Dec 3 - Chapter 14

Paper 2 Due: Online Documentary 4:00pm MT

Week 14: Tues Dec 10 - Chapter 15

Final Quiz Due Tuesday, December 17th - WyoCourses (Ch. 14 and 15)
This quiz opens on Sunday (Dec 15th) at 7:00pm MT and closes on Tuesday at 11:59pm MT

Class Cancellations:

If it is necessary to cancel class, I will make every effort to contact you before you come to campus or class through sending an email. However, if that is not possible, students should wait at least 15 minutes before assuming class is cancelled. If an examination was scheduled the day of the cancellation, it will be held at the beginning of the next class period.

Changes to the Course:

The information in this syllabus (including grading, attendance, late policies, exams, and assignments) and class schedule are and may be subject to change. This information should be seen as tentative. However, you will be notified in class and via WyoCourses/email of any changes that may occur during the semester.