

SOC 306 – Social Aspects of Substance Abuse

Course Title: SOC 306 Social Aspects of Substance Abuse

Class Schedule: M W 3:30pm – 4:45pm **Location:** CCC 204

Final Exam: Friday, May 18th 2018. 12:30pm to 2:30pm in CCC 204

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to examine several aspects of drug use from a sociological perspective. Particular attention is paid to the social aspects of drug use, including the social construction of use, abuse, and dependence, as well as the micro- and macro-level social effects of illegal drug use. This perspective is broader than a psychological view of drug use in that the focus is on factors beyond the individual user.

Course Objectives

- Apply the sociological imagination to an understanding of drug use
- Examine the social history of drug use in the U.S.
- Delineate the different types and classes of drugs, their correlates, and consequences
- Examine the societal response to drug use

Textbook

- *The Sociology of American Drug Use*, 3rd Edition, By Charles E. Faupel, et al., New York: Oxford University Press, ISBN-13: 978-0199935901

The required textbook is available at the campus bookstore.

- **Supplemental readings will be posted on D2L.**

Lectures

- Lecture notes MIGHT be posted in D2L. Honestly, I make every effort to make my notes available, but I may decline to include them at my discretion.
- Students are strongly encouraged to attend each class and actively participate in class discussions. You are also encouraged to participate in discussions and assignments
- Class attendance may be taken in any class without notification in advance.

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Grading

- 8 Assignments: 20%
- 2 Exams / Papers: 40% (20% each)
- 1 Book Report: 20%
- 1 Final Paper: 20%

Final grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

A: score \geq 90	A-: 87 \leq score $<$ 90	
B+: 83 \leq score $<$ 87	B: 80 \leq score $<$ 83	B-: 77 \leq score $<$ 80
C+: 73 \leq score $<$ 77	C: 70 \leq score $<$ 73	C-: 65 \leq score $<$ 70
D: 60 \leq score $<$ 65		
F: score $<$ 60		

Scale may be adjusted, depending on the overall performance of the class.

Assignments and Deadlines

- Each assignment must be submitted by 11:59pm on the day it is due. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- The book report and final paper are due by 11:59pm on their due date. You can still turn them in after the deadline. However, you automatically lose 5 points per hour after the due time, until you get zero. **I cannot waive the penalty, unless there is a case of illness or other substantial impediment beyond your control, with proof in documents from the school.**
- You must submit your assignments online through D2L. **I will not take submissions in email, unless the university verifies that D2L was malfunctioning or unavailable.**
- All sources should be parenthetically cited and included in a Works Cited list at the end of each paper. Use APA citation. Uncited sources will reduce your grade. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Case law citations should be done in italics (i.e. *U.S. v. Lopez*).
- All papers should use 1" margins, 12pt Times New Roman font, and be double-spaced.

Exams

- Exams taken in class are closed book and no-computers/phones, but open-notes – whatever you can write onto the front and back of a single 3" x 5" standard index card. If you print this, use 14pt Times New Roman font, and use double-spaced paragraphs.
- Exams taken on D2L are open-book, and you are free to use all resources at your disposal to complete the exam. Plagiarism and cheating, however, will not be tolerated.
- Final exam not is comprehensive.
- In general, any test or exam CANNOT be made up.
- If you miss a test or exam due to unavoidable circumstances (e.g., health), you must inform the instructor and a written explanation along with the supporting documents must be submitted to the instructor.
- Do NOT ask for make-up tests or exams if you missed a test or exam due to travel.

Office Hours Policy

- I prefer that you contact me via email.
- However, you are still welcome to my office to ask me any questions at any time.

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Regrading

Scores of Assignments, Forensic Challenge, and Exams will be posted in D2L, and announcements will be made in D2L. After the scores are announced, you have 7 days to request for regrading by contacting the instructor (office hours or email). Your grade will be final after 7 days.

D2L

The D2L URL is <https://uwsp.courses.wisconsin.edu>. Use your UWSP NetID and password to login. We use D2L for the following activities:

- Make important announcements.
- Posting assignment instructions and files.
- Students submit assignments electronically.
- Posting scores and grades.

Academic Integrity

The university cannot and will not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty by its students. This includes, but is not limited to cheating on examinations, plagiarism, or collusion. **Any form of academic dishonesty may lead to F grade for this course.**

Students with Disabilities

If you require accommodation based on disability, I would like to meet with you in the privacy of my office during the first week of the semester to ensure that you are appropriately accommodated.

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Week	Date	Day	Lecture Topics	Readings	Assignment
1	01/22	Monday	Introduction		
1	01/24	Wednesday	Current State of Drug Use in the US	See D2L	
2	01/29	Monday	Sociology of Drug Use	1	
2	01/31	Wednesday	Sociology of Drug Use	See D2L	Book Choice
3	02/05	Monday	History of Drug Use in the US	2	
3	02/07	Wednesday	History of Drug Use in the US	See D2L	Assignment 1
4	02/12	Monday	Classes of Drugs	3	
4	02/14	Wednesday	Classes of Drugs	See D2L	
5	02/19	Monday	Drug Use Data	4	Assignment 2
5	02/21	Wednesday	Drug Use Data	See D2L	
6	02/26	Monday	Drug Use Theory	5	
6	12/28	Wednesday	Drug Use Theory	See D2L	Assignment 3
7	03/05	Monday	Demographic Correlates	6	
7	13/07	Wednesday	Demographic Correlates	See D2L	
8	03/12	Monday	Institutional Correlates	7	Assignment 4
8	03/14	Wednesday	Institutional Correlates	See D2L	
9	03/19	Monday	Health Correlates	8	
9	03/21	Wednesday	Health Correlates	See D2L	Mid-Term
	03/26	Monday	** SPRING BREAK **		
	03/28	Wednesday	** SPRING BREAK **		
10	04/02	Monday	Cultural Correlates	9	
10	04/04	Wednesday	Cultural Correlates	See D2L	Book Report Due
11	04/09	Monday	Criminal Correlates	10	Assignment 5
11	04/11	Wednesday	Criminal Correlates	See D2L	
12	04/16	Monday	Economic Correlates	11	
12	04/18	Wednesday	Economic Correlates	See D2L	Assignment 6
13	04/23	Monday	Drug Preventions	12	
13	04/25	Wednesday	Drug Preventions	See D2L	
14	04/30	Monday	Drug Treatment	13	Assignment 7
14	05/02	Wednesday	Drug Treatment	See D2L	
15	05/07	Monday	Legal Response to Drug Use	14	
15	05/09	Wednesday	Legal Response to Drug Use	See D2L	Assignment 8
16	05/18	Friday	Final Exam (12:30pm to 2:30pm, CCC 204)		

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