

**South Plains College**

**Common Course Syllabus: SOCI-2340 Drug Use & Abuse**

**Revised: December 2022**

**Department:** Behavioral Science

**Discipline:** Sociology

**Course Number:** SOCI-2340

**Course Title:** Drug Use & Abuse

**Available Format:** Face to face

**Campuses:** May include Levelland, Reese, Plainview, Lubbock Center, Dual-Credit

**Course Description:** Study of the use and abuse of drugs in today's society. Emphasizes the physiological, sociological, and psychological factors

**Prerequisite:** No prerequisite for conventional sections; must be TSI compliant in reading for Internet sections including dual credit.

**Credit:** 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

**Textbook:** Goode, Erich, *Drugs in American Society*, 10<sup>th</sup> edition, McGraw-Hill

**Supplies:** Computer and Internet access for all course formats and campuses.

**This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Component Area (080)

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Define key concepts associated with drug use and abuse.
- Identify major drug use theories.
- Describe the major categories of drug use.
- Explain the various methodological approaches used to research drug use and behaviors.
- Describe the components and explain the dynamics of the drug use community

**Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:** See instructor's course information sheet for information on assessment that may include the following: pretests and posttests, quizzes, discussions, essays and/or other types of assessment tools.

**Course Evaluation:** Refer to instructor's course information sheet for specifics on coursework and grading.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

See instructor's course information sheet for additions to the attendance policy.

**Plagiarism and Cheating:** Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

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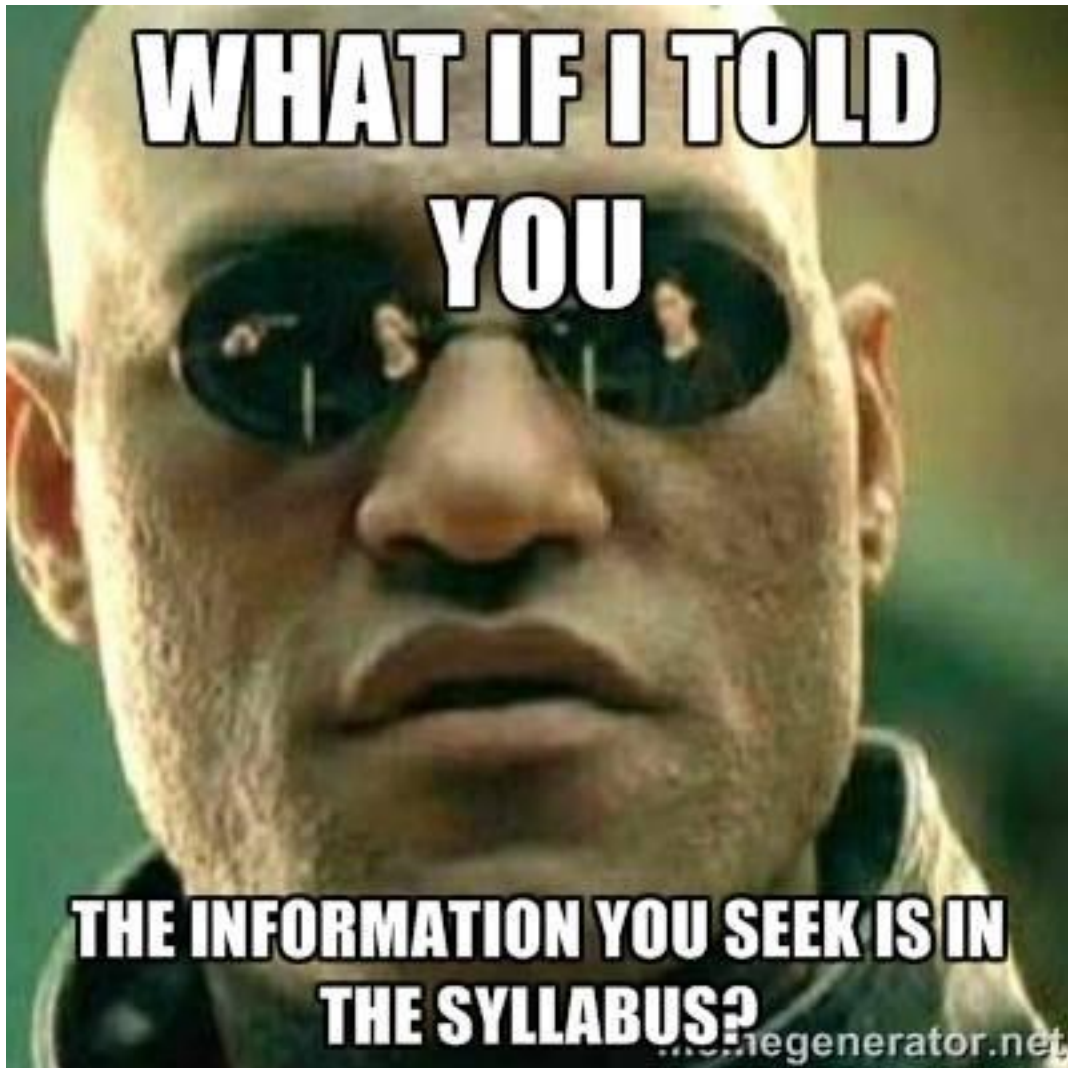
**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

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**Note:** The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any time.



Every semester I receive numerous e-mails from students regarding information readily available in **THIS SYLLABUS**. E-mails containing such questions as “when is this assignment due?” or “when is the exam?”. These repetitive e-mails can become extremely frustrating to faculty. I have worked diligently to supply you with as much accurate information as I can in the syllabus, in the assignment handouts, and on the Blackboard page for this course. Please LOOK FOR YOURSELF prior to asking me. If you have looked and still need to e-mail me, by all means do so. Please make sure your e-mail contains your **NAME**, **YOUR COURSE** (e.g., psyc-2301, psyc-2314, huma-2319), and your class time/day of the week. This will help reduce the frustration level and benefit both of us. Thank you.

“I am Jane Doe. I am in your psyc-2314 on Thursday at 9:30 am. I am emailing concerning \_\_\_\_\_.”

Summer I 2023  
Soci-2340  
Section 151  
On-Line

TEXT: Drugs in American Society, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, Erich Goode

Instructor: Rick Herbert

E-mail: [rherbert@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:rherbert@southplainscollege.edu) ← BEST METHOD OF CONTACT!

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Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (Downtown Room 2002)

Friday: by appointment only (Downtown Room 2002)

**AND BY APPOINTMENT – CONTACT ME AND I WILL MAKE TIME!**

Office Phone: (806)716-4039

Voicemail generally not returned for 24 hours due to travel between campuses.

**I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION:**

Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) description:

Study of the use and abuse of drugs in today's society. Emphasizes the physiological, sociological, and psychological factors.

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maximum SCH per student.....	3
maximum SCH per course .....	3
maximum contact hours per course.....	48

The material presented in Drug Use & Abuse is based upon research conducted in the field of social inequalities. The studies that generate this research frequently present findings implicating the role of social institutions (e.g., the economy, education systems, media, religious institutions, etc.) in the perpetuation of minority group oppression. **Be Aware**, course material may challenge and conflict with existing beliefs and convictions of students. **Controversial Subjects** will be examined which will introduce some level of discomfort and which will generate a wide range of diverse opinions. I do not expect you to accept or even agree with the attitudes, beliefs, and/or viewpoints presented by the instructor or classmates, I do expect that you will: (a) consider the various perspectives presented in class, (b) interact with others in a respectful manner, and (c) be knowledgeable and prepared to discuss the material, information, and theories presented in the readings and class lectures.

## **B. Academic Integrity:**

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

### Cheating:

Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

### Plagiarism:

Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

If a student cheats or shows plagiarism on a paper or exam, that grade will be zero, and the student will be dropped from the class.

### Artificial Intelligence (AI) Resources:

There are now websites that will actually generate semi-unique material that somewhat resembles original material. Since the technology is available to create this content, technology is also available to detect this content. Make no mistake, this is plagiarism. I am not asking AI to write a paper, I am asking you, the student, to create this content. If you submit work that is not your own, original material, it will be considered plagiarism and receive a grade of zero. The incident will also be detailed to the Dean of Students for disciplinary actions.

## **C. Student Conduct:**

Rules and regulations relating to the students at South Plains College are made with the view of protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body and the educational objectives of the college. As in any segment of society, a college community must be guided by standards that are stringent enough to prevent disorder, yet moderate enough to provide an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development.

A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. When a student enrolls at South Plains College, it is assumed that the student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes and functions. Obedience to the law, respect for properly constituted authority, personal honor, integrity and common sense guide the actions of each member of the college community both in and out of the classroom.

Students are subject to federal, state and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. A student is not entitled to greater immunities or privileges before the law than those enjoyed by other citizens. Students are subject to such reasonable disciplinary action as the administration of the college may consider appropriate, including suspension and

expulsion in appropriate cases for breach of federal, state or local laws, or college rules and regulations. This principle extends to conduct off-campus which is likely to have adverse effects on the college or on the educational process which identifies the offender as an unfit associate for fellow students. Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw.

Rules and regulations regarding student conduct appear in the current Student Guide

The student handbook clearly defines appropriate classroom conduct (see previous three paragraphs). A student can be asked to leave the class for inappropriate conduct. You should not disrupt the class since you interfere with the learning process for your peers. Talking, sleeping, cell phones ringing, or other disruptive behaviors will result in a warning and then can result in the student being dropped from the class. If you must leave the classroom for a bathroom break by all means do so. You do not need to raise your hand and ask permission, you are an adult and capable of deciding for yourself. However, excessive entrances and exits for the classroom are disruptive. If you have an issue that requires constantly leaving the classroom, it would be better to not attend that specific class period.

#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

Our regularly scheduled class time is specifically structured for you to learn the course material required to successfully complete the class. It is **NOT** an opportunity for you to use your **cell phone, laptop, or other electronic device for socializing, gaming, or listening to music.** If you choose to use **our class time** for such activity, you are not utilizing class time for its intended purpose, so you are **NOT PRESENT.** That means you **ARE ABSENT.** **You may be physically in the classroom, but you are not mentally present.** I will count you as absent and deduct those points from your attendance grade. Five absences will get you dropped from my class. Wearing earbuds or headphones is not only a distraction for you, it is a distraction for other students in the classroom as well. On top of the distraction, it is **incredibly disrespectful to me,** as well as your fellow students. If you have no interest in learning the course material, do not enroll in the class. **You are wasting my time, your time, and taking up space that someone who wants to learn is being denied.**

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#### **I. Course Syllabus Statement**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is

sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

## **II. SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS:**

### **A. Attendance:**

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### **B. Assignments:**

You will have a paper assignment as well as Discussion Boards activities. Both of these assignments are detailed in separate handouts available on the Blackboard page for our class. These handouts are currently available and will remain so for the entire semester.

### **C. Grading Policy/Procedure:**

You will have three (3) exams, each worth 100 points (300 points total), the Impact Paper assignment worth 100 points, turned in three times over the course of the semester (300 points total), and the Discussion Boards assignment worth 100 points. This gives you a complete total of 700 points over the course of the semester. Your grade will be based upon a percentage of the total points with 90% = A, 80% = B, 70% = C, 60% = D, and below 60% = F. No one exam or assignment is "grade adjusted" or "curved". Every section of my courses is evaluated at the end of the semester once all grades are complete.

### **D. Special Considerations:**

1. If you have to miss an exam or an assignment deadline for emergency reasons, I will do my best to accommodate you **IF YOU CONTACT ME PRIOR TO DUE/TEST DATE**. Only extreme situations, military necessity, and/or family emergencies, will be considered.

2. **The last to drop a course is Thursday, June 29, 2023.** Any students who have missed lectures, had difficulty completing projects, or anticipates difficulty in completing the course to their satisfaction or expectation are encouraged to consider the withdrawal option. Students are asked to discuss his/her progress with the instructor prior to making such a decision.

#### **E. Use of Language:**

This is a college course, you are expected to use proper college-level English in this course. To this end, South Plains College has developed the following policy:

All written assignments should be presented using the conventions of Standard Written English. South Plains College requires all students to become proficient in "academic English," a form of English that is typically used in academic, professional, and business contexts. While slang, regional idioms, and informal kinds of self-expression are appropriate in some contexts, they are out of place in academic writing. Writing instructors and professors in courses across the campus expect all students to demonstrate proficiency in using the conventions of academic English in their written work, whether it is in-class exams or take-home essays. Each instructor may also add additional requirements regarding written assignments that are contained in your syllabus.

All material turned in, with the exception of any in-class writing assignments, MUST BE TYPED, PROOFREAD, AND ORIGINAL (not plagiarized material originating from anyone other than the student without proper referencing).

When saving your paper on your hard drive, SPC's "One Drive" a disc, a "jump drive", or USB device, please look at the dialog box carefully. Click on "SAVE AS" from your operating system. When the dialog box opens it has two fill in the blanks you can access. The first box is "File name:", please put your **seven digit South Plains College student ID number** in this box. The second box is located directly below the first and it is "Save as type:", please click on the drop-down menu button on the far right-hand side of this box. The drop-down menu will open and you will **select "Rich Text Format (\*.rtf)"**. You may have to scroll through the choices until you find "Rich Text Format (\*.rtf)" but you should find it. If you need assistance, the Student Help Desk is designed to provide such help.

Failure to submit your paper as an e-mail attachment to the instructor in this format will be considered as "not following the instructions" and the **PAPER MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO!** If you send your submission in an iOS format, I will not be able to open it. SPC supplies us with Windows software so I can only print those submissions in a Windows format. If I cannot open and print your submission, I cannot read it and grade it.

I will always send you a confirmation email stating I have received and printed your submission. Since I travel between campuses and my opportunities to print student submissions is limited to my office, I may not send you the confirmation email within twenty-four hours of your submission. However, I will always send confirmation

within seventy-two hours. If you do not receive this confirmation email, I have not received and printed your submission.

**F. Expectations/Responsibilities:**

This syllabus provides you with my expectations of you and what is required for successful completion of this course. You are expected to read the syllabus and be familiar with its contents. You are responsible for all material covered in class. I am willing to make myself available to help any student that requests help. It is my goal for every student to take some useful knowledge away at the end of this course. Although not everyone will work with children, teens, and adults as professionals, we are all humans on the same small and irreplaceable planet and we are all responsible for learning more about each other. To that end, I will go to all reasonable means to help any student in any way I can. Please do not wait too long to ask for assistance. If you do, I will be unable to help.

**Tentative Course Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Monday June 5 (1)	<i>History Channel</i> videos	chapter 1
Tuesday June 6 (2)	intro to drug use	chapter 1
Wednesday June 7 (3)	rates/patterns of drug use	chapter 2
Thursday June 8 (4)	history of drug use	chapter 3
Monday June 12 (5)	<b>EXAM I/first draft due</b>	
Tuesday June 13 (6)	history of <i>War on Drugs</i>	chapter 4
Wednesday June 14 (7)	theories of drug use	chapter 5
Thursday June 15 (8)	media coverage	chapter 6
Monday June 19 (9)	alcohol/tobacco	chapter 7

Tuesday June 20 (10)	pot, LSD, club drugs	chapter 8
Wednesday June 21 (11)	coke & speed	chapter 9
Thursday June 22 (12)	<b>EXAM II/second draft due</b>	<b>all above</b>
Monday June 26 (13)	opiates	chapter 10
Tuesday June 27 (14)	drug trafficking	chapter 11
Wednesday June 28 (15)	drugs & crime	chapter 12
Thursday June 29 (16)	<i>Fixing the System, VICE</i> video	
Monday July 3 (17)	<b>EXTRA-CREDIT DUE</b> <i>Tulia</i> , video	
Tuesday July 4	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY</b>	
Wednesday July 5 (18)	<b>FINAL DRAFT DUE</b> drug law & drug treatment	chapter 13
Thursday July 6 (19)	legalization/harm reduction	chapter 14
Friday July 7	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	