SECTION HEADING

SOC 2215: Drugs in Society

Description

Drugs in Society explores the history of the use and abuse of consciousness-altering substances like alcohol and other drugs. Sociological theories will be reviewed in tandem with political-economic factors to identify social conditions. Cultural practices involving drugs will be identified, analyzed, and compared to related public problems.

Credits

3

Prerequisite

None

Corequisite

None

Topics to be Covered

1. Examines the history and control of drugs

2. Media portrayal

3. Social theory

4. Empirical research

5. Historical and current social policy on drug identification and classification

6. Trafficking

7. Law enforcement

8. Legalization and crime

9. Human services and medical

10. Responses and solutions

Learning Outcomes

1. Define drugs

2. Differentiate between types of drugs

3. Identify risk factors of drugs

4. List the causative theories behind drug usage

5. Identify the tactics utilized by law enforcement

6. Classify drugs

7. Select effective and appropriate questions used to identify drugs and paraphernalia, enforcement, social control, and documentation

8. Identify and list illegal, legal drugs, and document effects on society

Credit Details

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

OJT: 0

MnTC Goal Area(s): Goal Area 09 - Ethical and Civic Responsibility

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal Area 09: Ethical and Civic Responsibility

1. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.

2. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g., politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.

3. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.

4. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.

5. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship