

LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will have:

1. An understanding of basic pharmacological concepts
2. An understanding of major mood altering drug classifications (depressants, stimulants, alcohol, narcotics, etc)
3. An understanding of the effects of mood altering drugs on the central nervous system
4. An understanding of the mechanisms of action, benefits, risks, side-effects, and toxicity of mood-altering drugs.
5. An understanding of the psychosocial consequences of drug (mis)use
6. An understanding of the physiological effects of drugs on the individual
7. An understanding of the psychological effects of drugs on the individual
8. An understanding of concepts of withdrawal and tolerance

METHODS:

The course will be conducted in lecture/discussion style, with videos and small group activities as indicated.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check:) Yes No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Portfolio and/or examination.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Doweiko, Harold E. (1999). Concepts of Chemical Dependency , 4th ed. Brooks Cole.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Midterm Exam 45%

Final Exam 45%

Attendance and Participation 10%

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Week:

- 1 - Introduction
- 2 - Brain and Behaviour
- 3 - Drug Action at the Synaptic Level
- 4 - Addictions and the Brain
- 5 - Drug Categories
- 6 - Midterm
- 7 - Uppers
- 8 - Downers
- 9 - Hallucinogens
- 10 - Final Exam

