Passaic County Community College

Master Syllabus

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2013-2014
Department Chair: Professor Edward Mosley

Course Code: CJ-203
Course Title: Drug and Alcohol Use, Misuse, and Abuse

Department/Program: Humanities Department/Criminal Justice Concentration

Semester Offered: Fall; Spring

Catalog Description/Course: This course studies the problems of alcohol, alcoholism, and drugs such as narcotics, barbiturates stimulants, tranquilizers, hallucinogens, and their effects on the behavior of the individual as well as current methods of treatment.

Prerequisites: None

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3  Lab/Studio Hours: 0  Clinical/Fieldwork Hours: 0

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS:


ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:

None.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

- Explain the four principles of psychoactive drugs.
- Describe the three basic processes (tolerance, physical dependence, psychological dependence) to addiction.
- Describe how drugs are classified in the Controlled Substance Schedules under the 1970 Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act.
- Explain how drugs interact with the brain in order to alter behavior.
- Differentiate between generic and brand name drugs.
- Describe the benefits and detriments of the different methods of introducing drugs into the body.
GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES (IF APPLICABLE)

None.

GRADING STANDARD:

Student’s grades will be based on the following:

1. Mid-term Examination 30%
2. Final Examination 30%
3. Research Project 30%
4. Class Participation and Presentation 10%
   TOTAL 100%

COURSE CONTENT:

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DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM POLICIES:

- Make-up Examinations — I fully anticipate that students will make every possible effort to take an examination on the date scheduled, however I am aware that exigencies occur which preclude their doing so. If an exam is missed a make-up must be scheduled but it will not be given any later than the next class meeting. All make-up examinations, whether necessitated by an unexcused or an excused absence, will be reduced in grade by ten (10) points to compensate for the additional study time gained by not taking the test on its scheduled date. A make-up for the final examination must be taken within twenty four hours of its scheduled date/time.
- Extra Credit — I am available to discuss this option should it be needed by a student.
- Grading on a Curve — I do not use this system of grading.
- Late Submission of Assignments — I reserve the right to reduce a student’s grade one level on an assignment not submitted on time.
- Class Attendance — You are expected to attend every lecture and to participate in class discussions.
• Cheating — Cheating or other violations of the Honor Code of the Passaic County Community College will not be tolerated.

**COLLEGE POLICIES:**

For Information regarding:

- PCCC’s Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process
- Intensive Writing Requirements
- Panther Alert: The College will announce delayed openings, closings, and other emergency situations through the Panther Alert System. Students are encouraged to sign up for the Panther Alert Notification. Students can sign up once they log into their Campus Cruiser Portal account through the PCCC website at www.pccc.edu.
- Cell Phone Policy: Use of cellular telephones, audible pagers, or other forms of audible electronic devices in all academic learning environments (including but not limited to, laboratories, testing centers, classroom, library, learning centers, theater, and so forth) is prohibited unless previously approved by the instructor or other authorized administrator.

Please refer to the PCCC Student Handbook and PCCC Catalog

**NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

If you have a disability, and believe you need accommodations in this class, please contact Disability Services staff at 973-684-6395, or email ods@pccc.edu, to make an appointment. You should do so as soon as possible at the start of each semester. If you require testing accommodations, you must remind me (the instructor) one week in advance of each test. More information @ pccc.edu/ods.

**Contact Information**

- **Instructor’s Name:**
- **Office Location:**
- **Address:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Office Hours:**

  **About the Instructor:** (A brief biography of the instructor’s career and education)

**Date Last Modified:** June 26, 2013