Administrative Unit: Criminal Justice Administration & Human Services Department

Course Prefix and Number: CJAD 410

Course Title: Drug Abuse and Crime Control

Number of Credit Hours: 3  Lecture Hours: 3  Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Comprehensive examination of the interaction between drug abuse and the criminal justice system. Examines drug pharmacology, drug laws, public policy, and the roles of the police. Prerequisites: CJAD 101 or instructor's permission. Offered odd Spring.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): CJAD 101 or instructor's permission.

Text(s): Many suitable textbooks are available from various publishers and the following list is not comprehensive. Other textbooks may be judged by individual instructors to be more suitable in meeting Course Objectives. Many current textbooks have companion websites, and the instructor is encouraged to enhance the course experience for the student by utilizing available technology.


Course Objectives:

- To understand drug pharmacology.
- To increase awareness of how drugs interact and affect the human psyche and physiology.
- To understand criminal organizations involved in trafficking illicit drugs.
- To gain experience with common legal framework involved in the investigation and prosecution of illicit drug offenses.
- To gain experience with the terminology and slang commonly used by criminals and criminal organizations in the trafficking of illicit drugs.
- To understand the various types of dangerous drugs that are commonly abused from both illicit and legal sources of supply.
- To demonstrate critical thinking, research and writing skills in drug abuse issues.
- To delve into contemporary research in the area of drug abuse and trafficking.
Measurable Learning Outcomes:

- Define drug abuse as a concept.
- Explain the theoretical framework and organizational structure of drug trafficking organizations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of drug abuse.
- Describe the concept of the illicit drug business as it relates to the gray market.
- Demonstrate knowledge of current political and social problems and issues as they relate to the existence of drug trafficking organizations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the various current issues in drug abuse.
- Describe the role of crime commissions that have addressed the problem of drug trafficking.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the constitutional limitations upon investigating drug trafficking organizations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of vice crime, victimless crime and organized crime as these relate to drug abuse and drug trafficking.
- Appraise current literature, materials and developments regarding drug abuse.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

- The nature of the drug problem
- History of drug abuse
- Understanding drugs of abuse
- The illicit drug trade
- Domestic drug trade
- Drugs and crime
- Organized crime and the drug trade
- Domestic drug trafficking groups
- Foreign drug trafficker groups
- The drug control initiative
- Critical issues in drug control
- The issue of legalizing drugs
- Understanding drug control policy
- Treatment and prevention

In an effort to better prepare students for future educational pursuits and professionalism in their chosen fields, it is highly recommended that all courses bearing the CJAD prefix contain both a writing and speech communication component. Formal writing projects should be prepared in APA format.

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 30

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.
NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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