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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

77.380, L01

DRUGS and CRIME

(308 Tier)

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1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The course will provide information on the following matters:
 1. types of psychoactive drugs and their effects;
 2. theory and research on the relationship between the use of drugs and the commission of crime;
 3. Canada's drug laws and their effectiveness; and
 4. drug control options.

1. REQUIRED BOOKS

1. *Text*: Bruce K. Alexander, Peaceful Measures: Canada's Way Out of the 'War on Drugs'. Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Press.
2. *Reader*: Readings for 77.380 Drugs and Crime: 2001-2002. U. of M. Bookstore.

1. EVALUATION

1. *Term Tests*: There will be three (3) term tests. Tests can include multiple-choice and essay questions. You are responsible for bringing a pencil to the tests.
2. *Term Project*: The term project is due on December 3, 2001. A term project received after

December 3, 2001, will be penalized two (2) points for each day late (weekends included).

3. *Weighting of Tests and Project:*

Percent of Total Points			
	Points		Date
Test 1	25	25	October 5, 2001*
Test 2	35	35	November 9, 2001*
Test 3	20	20	December 5, 2001
Project	20	20	December 3, 2001
Total	100	100	*Approximate date

1. *Grading:* Final course grades will be based on the following standards.

Percentage of Points Attained	Letter Grade
92% and above	A+
85 to 91%	A
80 to 84%	B+
75 to 79%	B
70 to 74%	C+
65 to 69%	C
55 to 64%	D
54% or less	F

NB. These are "absolute" standards (i.e., grades will not be curved).

1. **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

1. You will *not* be permitted to write a test before its scheduled date.
2. In order to be allowed to write a make-up test, you must have a reasonable excuse for your absence. In the event of illness, a note from a physician is required. A request for a make-up test normally must be made *within three (3) days* following the test date.

3. Work for extra-credit will *not* be accepted.
4. You must acquaint yourself with the University's policy on plagiarism and examination impersonation, as set out in the University General Calendar.
5. Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are distracting to your classmates and your instructor. Please be respectful of the rights of others in the class. Persistent disruption may result in debarment from the course. If you have a legitimate reason for leaving the room early, please inform your instructor at the beginning of the class.

1. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Topic	Reading Assignments
1. Introduction: Some basic concepts; drug effects; drug use by Canadians	<p><i>Text:</i> Chapter 3 ("Drug use, dependence, and addiction in Canada")</p> <p>Chapter 4 ("A fresh look at heroin")</p> <p>Chapter 5 ("Cocaine: Dr. Freud and Dr. Gold")</p> <p><i>Reader:</i> Ray and Ksir ("The Actions of Drugs")</p> <p>Fagan ("Set and Setting Revisited")</p>
TEST 1	
2. Drug Use and Criminal Behaviour	<p><i>Text:</i> Chapter 8 ("The causes of negative addiction")</p> <p><i>Reader:</i> Goldstein ("The Drugs/Violence Nexus")</p> <p>Pernanen and Brochu ("Attributable Fractions for Alcohol and Other Drugs in Relation to Crimes in Canada")</p> <p>Desroches ("High and Mid-Level Drug Trafficking in Canada")</p>

3. Drug Laws and Drug Law Violations in Canada

Text: Chapter 1 ("Is there a war on drugs?")

Chapter 2 ("The faces of failure: three aspects of the war on drugs")

Reader: Tremblay ("Illicit Drugs and Crime in Canada")

TEST 2

4. Drug Control Strategies

Text: Chapter 9 ("Alternatives to the war on drugs for Canada")

Chapter 10 ("Why the war on drugs continues and how it can end")

Reader: CCSA ("Cannabis Control in Canada: Options Regarding Possession")

TEST 3