

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PSY 317: Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite

PSY 113 - General Psychology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Informational survey and study of alcoholism and drug abuse, a major health problem with substantive psychological components. The physiological, psychological, and social impact of drugs and their misuses and abuses will be discussed. Students must have taken Psy 113, or have the consent of the instructor.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 02/17/1999 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Drug Use and Abuse: General Issues
2. Drug Use: Yesterday and Today
3. Drugs and the Nervous System
4. Pharmacological
5. Psychopharmacological & New Drug Development
6. Cocaine, Amphetamines & related Stimulants
7. Nicotine
8. Caffeine
9. Alcohol
10. Opiates
11. Marijuana
12. Hallucinogens
13. Psychotherapeutic Medications
14. Other Prescription & Over-the Counter Drugs
15. Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
16. Prevention of Substance Abuse

**D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

1. Knowledge of the history of psychoactive drug use, attempts to control the use of psychoactive drugs and the development of substance abuse laws
2. Knowledge of drug use and abuse
3. Knowledge of the pharmacology and psychopharmacology of drugs and new drug development
4. Knowledge of cocaine, amphetamine and related stimulants.
5. Knowledge of the pharmacology of nicotine, caffeine and alcohol and their effect on the brain and behavior
6. Knowledge of the pharmacology of opiates, marijuana, and hallucinogens and their effects on the brain and behavior
7. Knowledge of psychotherapeutic medications and other prescription and over-the-counter drugs
8. Knowledge of substance use disorder treatments and prevention of substance abuse

**E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

None

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted