

Bemidji State University

CRJS 3355: Drugs and Criminal Justice

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Focuses on the historical and contemporary patterns of psychoactive drug use in the United States and on the development and evaluation of criminal justice policies intended to reduce or eliminate drug use and/or drug problems. Topics include major types of psychoactive drugs, the War on Drugs, the international context of drug production and distribution, and personal and social problems resulting from drug use.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 07/18/2001 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Nature of the Drug Problem
2. History of Drug Abuse
3. Understanding Drugs of Abuse
4. The Illicit Drug Trade
5. Domestic Drug Production
6. Drugs and Crime
7. Organized Crime and the Drug Trade
8. Domestic Drug-Trafficking Organizations
9. Foreign Drug-Trafficking Organizations
10. The Drug Control Initiative
11. Critical Issues in Drug Control
12. The Issue of Legalizing Drugs
13. Understanding Drug Control Policy
14. Control through Treatment and Prevention

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. understand the history of the drug problem in the United States
2. know the relationship between drugs and crime
3. understand the basics of drugs and organized crime, both foreign and domestic
4. understand the goals of drug control policies and strategy
5. be aware of the critical issues in drug control, including legalization and decriminalization
6. know of the various methods of trying to control drug use through treatment and prevention
7. know the social costs of drug abuse.
8. know and understand the theories of drug abuse and crime
9. know the categories of drugs and their effects
10. understand the illicit drug trade
11. know the basics of domestic and international drug production and distribution

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted