

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

_____ Transfer Course x A.A. Degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AJ 175 NARCOTICS

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

A survey of laws and specific characteristics pertaining to hallucinogens, narcotics, marijuana, alcohol, and poisonous substances. It is designed to give the student conceptual insight into contemporary problems of vice, drugs, and legal social issues related to dangerous drugs.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the methods of illegal importation, manufacture, distribution, sale and use of illegal drugs on both a national and local level.
2. Identify the variables associated with the socio-economic and political conditions contributing to the phenomenal growth of substance abuse.
3. Discuss the enforcement tools used to combat drug-related violations – law, science, technology and investigative skills.
4. Identify the objective symptoms consistent with an individual under the influence of illegal drugs.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Comprehensive Drug Abuse and Prevention Control Act of 1970
 - A. Criteria by which drugs are scheduled
 - B. Control mechanisms
 - 1. Registration of handlers
 - 2. Record keeping requirements
 - 3. Quotas on manufacturing
 - 4. Restrictions on distribution
 - 5. Restrictions on dispensing
 - 6. Limits on imports/exports
 - 7. Criminal penalties for illicit traffic
- II. Drug Classifications
 - A. Narcotics
 - B. Stimulants
 - C. Depressants
 - D. Hallucinogens
 - E. Inhalants
 - F. Cannabis
 - G. Steroids
- III. Enforcement Methods
 - A. Establishing probable cause
 - B. Arrest authority
 - C. Search and seizure authority
 - D. Search warrants
 - E. Parole and probation searches
- IV. Recognizing Users, Abusers and Addicts
 - A. The effect of drugs in the body
 - B. Field examinations
- V. Current trends in drug use
 - A. "Rave drugs"
 - B. Synthetic drugs
 - C. Importation/distribution methods
- VI. Controlled Substance Laws
 - A. Possession, transportation and manufacture of illicit drugs
 - B. Elements of possession
 - C. Paraphernalia
 - D. Prohibited possession of certain chemicals
 - E. Additional selected laws

REQUIRED READING:

Miller, Gary J., Drugs and the Law: Detection, Recognition and Investigation, 2nd ed., Longwood, FL, Gould Publications

SUGGESTED READING:

Health and Safety Code. Uniform Controlled Substance Act. State of California, 1989.

Drug Enforcement Administration. Drugs of Abuse. U.S. Department of Justice, 1983.

REQUIRED WRITING:

The student will be required to complete a five to seven page research paper. Students will choose a topic from a list distributed by the instructor; the topics will require research, but the assignment will concentrate on the students analytical skills and subjective thought.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

The student will spend time outside of class reading the required text, researching and drafting of the research paper and preparing for an oral evaluative report on a successful community based substance abuse program. The student will also be expected to study for quizzes and exams.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

DISTANCE LEARNING:

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply:

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Oral evaluative report	10%
Random quizzes	10%
Research paper	20%
Midterm examination	20%
Final examination	40%

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes ____ No x Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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