

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND DRUG USE
Status: Definitive
Code: **6015PSYSCI** (117555)
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Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology
Teaching School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology

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Academic Level: FHEQ6 **Credit Value:** 12.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 24.00
Total Learning Hours: 120 **Private Study:** 96

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	Exam	exam	100.0	2.00

Aims

1. To assess and compare the pharmacological and phenomenological effects of different drugs.
2. To examine the causes, nature and consequences of drug use in the UK, Europe and Internationally - including consumption, dependence and health outcomes.
3. To analyse drug concepts, and evaluate key models and theories of drug use.
4. To examine societal responses to drug use, including treatment, education, law enforcement and harm reduction.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the nature of drug experiences, including the relevance of 'set' and 'setting'.
- 2 Discuss the aetiology and epidemiology of drug use, including issues of gender and race
- 3 Critically evaluate psychological and sociological theories and models of drug use
- 4 Compare and debate the risks and harmful effects of different kinds of drug use
- 5 Describe and assess service provision for drug users, including treatment and education
- 6 Critically assess UK drug policy, and compare it with drug policies in other countries

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

EXAM	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Outline Syllabus

1. *The pharmacological and phenomenological effects of drugs.*
2. *Drug concepts - terminologies and typologies; risks, hazards and harms/benefits.*
3. *Theories and models of drug use [eg. medical, criminological, psycho-social]*
4. *The aetiology [causes] and epidemiology [prevalence, demography] of drug use.*
5. *Drug consumption - drug careers, set and setting, culture and sub-culture.*
6. *The consequences of drug use - disease, psychoses, crime, deaths, social problems.*
7. *Drug policy, drug strategy and drug services - in the UK and Internationally.*

Learning Activities

The two hour slots will be based on a series of lectures, each ending with a discussion session. Lectures will also include videotapes, demonstrations and weekly supplementary readings/handouts.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Gossop, M.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	'Drug addiction and it's treatment
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford University Press.

ISBN	
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Course Material	Book
Author	Parrott, A.C, Morinan, A., Moss, M & Scholey, A.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	'Understanding Drugs and Behaviour.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	John Wiley and Sons, UK.
ISBN	

Notes

This module examines the psychological and social dimensions of drug use including; concepts, aetiology, epidemiology, consequences and responses. The main theories and models of drug use are critically examined, along with consumption patterns and related policy development. The course also examines drug use in its wider context, including its historical, cultural, economic and political contexts.