

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SUBSTANCE USE: THEORETICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND APPLIED PERSPECTIVES  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6017PSYSCI** (119164)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Psychology  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 50  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 190

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	46
Workshop	2

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	exam	exam	50	2
Essay	CSA	case study - theory	25	
Essay	CSB	case study - practice	25	

### Aims

1. To assess and compare the pharmacological and phenomenological effects of

*different drugs.*

*2. To provide students with a broad understanding of the different paradigms and perspectives on the use and misuse of drugs.*

*3. 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 To analyse drug concepts and evaluate key models and theories of drug use
- 2 Explain the biological and psychological basis of drug effects
- 3 Discuss the impact of substances on an individual's psychological well-being
- 4 Critically evaluate treatment approaches in the substance use field

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

exam	2	3
Case study theory	1	
Case study practice	4	

## **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.

There will be a workshop in semester one to discuss the coursework requirements, and a further workshop in semester two to discuss the exam.

## **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.