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NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 228 - NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (3 CR.)

Course Description

Surveys the historical and current use of narcotics and dangerous drugs. Teaches the identification and classifications of such drugs and emphasizes the symptoms and effects on their users. Examines investigative methods and procedures utilized in law enforcement efforts against illicit drug usage. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to the illegal narcotic and dangerous drug problem in contemporary American society, as well as methods of combating that problem.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Understand the most commonly used and abused harmful drugs, plus the signs or symptoms of drug abuse
- Explore the drug laws and enforcement techniques designed to identify, apprehend and prosecute offenders

Major Topics To Be Included

- Introduction to the problem of drug abuse
- Addiction and dependence
- Recognition of drug abuse
  - Opiates
  - Marijuana
  - Stimulants: cocaine, amphetamines
  - Sedatives: barbiturates
  - Hallucinogens
  - Inhalants: toxic glues, solvents
  - Alcohol
- Laws relating to narcotics and drug control
- Enforcement techniques

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor