

HMSV-2140 INTRODUCTION TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE 3 CREDITS

SYLLABUS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course provides a broad overview of the field, including issues of alcohol and other drugs in history and society. Definitions and prevalence of alcohol and drugs use misuse and addiction; major theoretical perspectives on the causes and remedies of substance abuse; major landmarks in alcohol and drug social policy; and the development and evolution of the alcohol and drug abuse counseling field.

Formerly HMSV-220

Prerequisites: ENGL-095 and RDNG-099

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

COMMON STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...

BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...

This course is designed to give a broad understanding of the basic processes of addiction, treatment, and recovery. Consequences of substance abuse to the individual, to the family, and to society will be discussed. The basic pharmacology of substances of abuse will be introduced, along with the effects of the substances on individuals. In addition, the processes of screening, assessment, and treatment of dual diagnosis clients will be discussed.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. The student will be able to explain public policy and its effect on drug use.
2. The student will be able to describe ways drugs negatively affect the body and brain.
3. The student will be able to describe patterns of both alcohol consumption and family dynamics in alcoholism.
4. The student will be able to describe aspects (including forms of administration, acute/chronic effects, patterns of abuse) of the following; major stimulants, narcotics, hallucinogens, marijuana, inhalants and depressants.
5. The student will be able to describe effective components of prevention programs.