



**HMSV 2140 Introduction to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Section Name Section Credit Hours**  
**Credits**  
**Syllabus**

## Course Information

**Meeting times and location:** section meeting\_times section location

**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.

**Prerequisites:** ENGL-095 and RDNG-099

**Terms offered:** Fall and Spring

**Section-specific Course Description:**

## Course Level Objectives

Upon the 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.

## Required Texts and/or Materials

**This course requires access to MindTap that is partnered with the course textbook, Concept of Chemical Dependency, 10e by Cengage.**

**Some instructors will provide supplemental materials in class. These will be delivered electronically at no cost to the student.**

## Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

## Course Requirements

This master syllabus is for informational purposes only and individual course syllabi may differ. Faculty reserve the right to make changes to their individual syllabi on an as needed basis.

Students will complete a series of weekly homework assignments. Instructors also use short in-class writing prompts or discussions, online discussions and/or small regular quizzes to solidify class concepts.

Students will complete independent and group projects as a part of their midterm or final assignment.

Service Learning hours may be required for successful completion of this course.

## Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

### Names/Pronouns.

Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name as well as "Preferred first name" (if previously entered by you in the Student Profile section of your Canvas account, which managed can be managed at any time). While Canvas refers to this as merely a preference, you will be respected by the instructor and classmates referring to you with the name and pronoun that feels best for you in class or on assignments. Please advise the instructor of any name or pronoun changes so I can create a learning environment in which you, your name, and your pronoun are respected.

# Wellness Statement.

Diminished mental health, including significant stress, mood changes, excessive worry, or problems with eating and/or sleeping can interfere with optimal academic performance. The source of symptoms might be strictly related to your course work; if so, please speak with your instructor. However, problems with relationships, family worries, loss, or a personal struggle or crisis can also contribute to decreased academic performance.

**San Juan College provides FREE mental health services to support the academic success of students.** San Juan College offers free, confidential counseling services to help you manage personal challenges that may threaten your well-being.

**Getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do – you are worth it!**

For helpful resources contact the Counseling Center at 505-566-3404 or  
<https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/student-services/advising-and-counseling-center/counseling-center/>

## Veterans Center.

If you are a student veteran, SJC has a Veterans Center located in Room 1715 in the West Classroom Complex. Hours: M-F 8-5pm. Please visit their website for more information about what support they offer, a list of ongoing events and links to outside resources:  
<https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/veterancenter/>

## Student & Class conduct:

- Everyone is allowed to feel they can work and learn in a safe and caring environment.
- Everyone learns about, understands, appreciates, and respects varied races, classes, genders, physical and mental abilities, and sexualities.
- Everyone matters.
- All individuals are to be respected and treated with dignity and civility.
- Everyone shares the responsibility for making our class, and the San Juan College Community, a positive and better place to live, work, and learn.
- Each student has a right to learn, and the instructor has a right to teach. Anyone who interferes with these rights is subject to disciplinary actions, ranging from a simple reprimand to expulsion from the course.

Your instructor reserves the right to add new policy during the semester as long as it doesn't contradict existing policy. New assignments may be added, too, and some may be changed or deleted. By enrolling in this class, you accept and agree to abide by the policies of the course.

## Grading

Final grades are calculated based on the following weights. Each instructor may have slightly different weights, but they all fall within the following ranges:

Category	Face-to-face	Weight (online courses)
Attendance and Participation	15%	0%
Discussions	30%	25- 30%
MindTap Assignments	15%	20- 30%
Projects	40%	30-40%
Total Possible	100%	100%

Letter Grade	Standard Section	Honors Section
A	90% and above	100% and above
B	80-89%	90-99%
C	70-79%	80-89%
D	60-69%	70-79%
F	59% or lower	69% or lower

## Course Time Commitment

The standard is 6-9 hours outside of class for a 3-credit face to face course and 9-12 hours per week for an online course of the same length.

## Canvas Participation and Expectations

Students should be logging into Canvas regularly, at a minimum twice a week.

## Participation and Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is important for success in this course. All instructors expect students to attend class, and to notify instructors if they will be absent. In some cases, arrangements for late work may be made. Some instructors may not give full credit for late work missed due to absence.

Students are expected to actively participate in class.

## Instructor Response Times & Regular Interaction Expectations

All instructors endeavor to respond to student requests within 24 hours Monday - Friday. Some instructors will respond on the weekends and some will not. Check with individual instructors regarding weekend response times. Instructors also try to return graded work within one week.

## Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

## Course Schedule

Exact schedule with due dates will be determined by instructor. See Canvas for this schedule. See Course Requirements for general information on assignment expectations.

## Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For password reset and Canvas support, visit the [Student Technology Guide](#) website.

## Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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## Student Support

At San Juan College, we are committed to supporting your academic success and overall well-being. We recognize that college life can be challenging and stressful, impacting both learning and personal health. We are here to help you succeed.

### **Academic Support and Resources**

We provide a range of academic support services to help you stay on track on your educational journey. Free resources include tutoring, computer loans, life skills workshops, and so much more. Visit the [Academic Support and Resources](#) webpage to learn more about support and resources available through Academic Advising, the Tutoring Center, the Student Resource Center (formerly Student Achievement Center) and the Testing Center.

### **Student Support and Resources**

If you or someone you know could benefit from counseling, accessibility services, career exploration, veteran transitional assistance, or any of our other support services, visit the [Student Support and Resources](#) webpage where you'll find detailed information about various resources available to you as an SJC student.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources to enhance your college experience and ensure your success.

## College Policies and Resources for Current Students

The [Student Handbook](#) provides information on student support, student organizations, and student conduct policies at San Juan College.

The San Juan College catalog outlines the [Academic Policies](#) students need to know.

## Healthy and Safe Practices for Being on Campus

We want a healthy and safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

### **Contagious diseases and your responsibility:**

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, fever, flu or even the common cold, you should stay home. Do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. Contact your instructor about missing class (and review your instructor's policies on missed or late work). Being sick does not necessarily excuse you from completing your work on time.

**Safety on campus and your responsibility:**

If you are on campus and experience or witness an emergency, call 9-1-1 first and then the Department of Public Safety at 505-566-3333 (or just 3333 if calling from a campus phone).

When you are on campus, be aware of your surroundings. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call 505-566-4444 (DPS non-emergency line) or 505-215-3091 (officer on duty line).

The College will send information for campus emergencies through SJC AlertAware, email and the webpage. Stay informed and stay safe.

## Inclement Weather Information

Students will receive notification of class delays and cancellations due to inclement weather via the SJC AlertAware and SJC student email. Face-to-face classes will not meet in person; however, students are advised to check with instructors about alternative meeting options, as some may choose to meet via zoom. Hybrid classes will meet as scheduled via zoom. For questions regarding your class delay or cancelation, please contact your instructor.

## Online Course Fee

Online Courses - San Juan College requires all online courses to include some form of assessment to demonstrate the mastery of course objectives. This could include exams, capstone projects, e-portfolios, presentations, final papers or other appropriate assessments. The use of a proctoring platform, plagiarism detection software or other method to ensure that assessments are completed by the enrolled student is required.

A course fee of \$5.00 is assessed for all online courses at San Juan College to cover the cost of the above services. Students who are required to take a proctored exam and choose to use a physical testing center outside the SJC Testing Center or SJC Disability Services will be responsible for the cost of using that center.