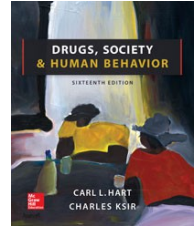


PSY 326 Drugs and Society

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the nature and scope of drug use and abuse in America and its impact on individuals, families, communities, and society at large.

Recommended Textbook: The recommended textbook for this course is *Drugs, Society, and Human Behavior*, 16th Edition. The authors are: Carl L Hart, Columbia University, Charles J. Ksir, University of Wyoming at Laramie, and Oakley S Ray. Softcover, 496 pages. ©2015 McGraw-Hill, ISBN-13: 9780078028649



Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

1. Offer an overview of the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs in American society.
2. Explain the impact of drug abuse as a social problem and its impact on crime and incarceration.
3. Describe the effects of various types of legal and illegal drugs on the nervous system and other areas of the body.
4. Explain the impact of substance abuse on the family.
5. Discuss assessment and treatment of substance addiction.

Structure: Learning resources have been divided into three sections, each with several Areas of Study. The Areas of Study correspond to a chapter of the recommended textbook.

PSY 326.1 Drug Use in Modern Society

First Area of Study: Drug Use: An Overview

Second Area of Study: Drug Use as a Social Problem

Third Area of Study: Drug Policy

Fourth Area of Study: The Nervous System

Fifth Area of Study: The Actions of Drugs

PSY 326.2 Uppers, Downers, and Familiar Drugs

First Area of Study: Stimulants

Second Area of Study: Depressants and Inhalants

Third Area of Study: Medication for Mental Disorders

Fourth Area of Study: Alcohol

Fifth Area of Study: Tobacco

Sixth Area of Study: Caffeine

Seventh Area of Study: Dietary Supplements and Over the Counter Drugs

PSY 326.3 Restricted Drugs, Prevention and Treatment

First Area of Study: Opioids

Second Area of Study: Hallucinogens

Third Area of Study: Marijuana

Fourth Area of Study: Performance Enhancing Drugs

Fifth Area of Study: Preventing Substance Abuse

Sixth Area of Study: Treating Substance Use Disorders

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Drugs and Society Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above.