

## Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)  
**Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 285 **Course Title** Drugs and Society
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective of International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** TBA

7. **Course Description**

The social environment and correlates of drug addiction. The drug industry and crime. International repercussions. Governmental and medical policies towards drug use and their effectiveness.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- 1) To introduce the political and social issues involved in drug trade.
- 2) To assess the effectiveness of various drug policies.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introductory; The use of drugs	4	TBA
2	Overview - drugs in society	4	
3	Patterns of use in traditional settings	4	
4	Historical overview of drug trade	4	
5	Early drug policy and its effectiveness	4	
6	The organization of drug traffic	4	
7	Drug crime : organized and disorganized	4	
8	Drug traffic : urban, suburban and international	4	
9	Drug policies and drug politics	4	
10	Drug policy vs drug legislation	4	
11	Contemporary problems in drug control	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lecture and discussion.

**11. Teaching Media**

Texts, transparencies, videos.

**12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement**

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

**13. Course evaluation**

Grading will be based on two in - class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

**14. Reference (s)**

Bourgois, P., *In Search of Respect : Selling Crack in El Barrio*. New York : Cambridge University Press, 1995.

**15. Instructor (s)**

TBA

**16. Course Coordinator**

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