

## Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)  
**Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSP 355 **Course Title** Drug Use and Behaviour
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** ICSS 112 Introduction to Psychology
5. **Type of Course** Elective for Psychology Minor
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** To be determined
7. **Course Description**  
 The psychology of drug use and addiction. Types of psychoactive drugs, their use, and neurological impact.
8. **Course Objective (s)**  
 To provide students with an introduction to drug use and behaviour.

### 9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	History of drug use	4	
2	Basic terminology and principles of drug use	4	
3	Physiological and psychological effects	4	
4	Major stimulants : Cocaine and amphetamines	4	
5	Major narcotics : Opium, morphine, heroin	4	
6	LSD and other hallucinogens, marijuana	4	
7	Anabolic steroids and drug use in sports	4	
8	Alcohol, nicotine and tobacco, caffeine	4	
9	Glues, solvents and inhalants	4	
10	Sedative - hypnotics and anti - anxiety drugs	4	
11	Drugs for treating schizophrenia and mood disorders	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

N.B. The lecturer reserves the right to vary the topics as seen fit.

### 10. Teaching Method (s)

Lectures; classroom discussion.

**11. Teaching Media**

Assigned texts and reader.

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

(i.e. Grading scheme) Grades given according to a predetermined scale as follows : A = 80 - 100; B+ = 75 - 79; B = 70 - 74; C+ = 65 - 69; C = 60 - 64; D+ = 55 - 59; D = 50 - 54; F < 49.

**13. Course evaluation**

(i.e. Grading components) : Evaluations are based on two examinations (midterm, final) which each consist of 50% of the total. Questions are of the short answer format.

**14. Reference (s)**

Levinthal, C. (2001). *Drugs, behavior and modern society* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Pearson, Allyn & Bacon.

**15. Instructor (s)**

To be determined.

**16. Course Coordinator**

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