

**Eastern WV Community & Technical College
Master Course Record**

Course Prefix and Number: PSY 230
Course Title: Drugs and Behavior
Recommended Transcript Title (if over 40 characters)
Date Approved/Revised: 3-10-17
Credit Hours: 3 Contact hours per week (Based on 15 week term): Lecture: 3 Lab:
Prerequisite: None Corequisite: Pre/Corequisite:
Grading Mode: Letter
Catalog Description: This course studies the effects of psychoactive drugs on human behavior. Aspects of drug use and its effects on behavior include the dynamics that exist between and among the substance or substances implicated, human physiology, the environment, and cultural factors. Topics related to biology, neuroscience, history, the legal system, pharmacology, psychiatry, and sociology will all be explored while also addressing the political implications. As such, the biological aspect of human behavior will be addressed. Further, social and political influences and how they interact with the brain and biology will be explored.
Course Outcomes: (See Competency Verb list for suggested language) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the biopsychosocial model as it relates to psychoactive substance use. 2. Understand how cultural factors effect choices related to and resulting in drug use. 3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of how legal systems attempt to control and regulate the use of psychoactive drugs. 4. Identify how neurological systems interact with psychoactive substances and how those interactions produce abuse, dependence, and various behavioral and experiential outcomes. 5. Understand some historical elements of psychoactive drugs and how they have evolved within social and political constructs. 6. Differentiate among the various drug delivery methods and understand their relative effects. 7. Recognize elements of substance abuse and addiction and the relative effectiveness of various interventions. 8. Understand the psycho-physiological effects of depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, and other drug classifications. 9. Identify how political systems determine available treatment options for people suffering from addiction and how clinicians work to effect and navigate said systems.

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Implementation Cycle: Fall 2017
Role in College Curriculum: (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Core (Social Science) <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Core (Specify Program) <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Elective (Specify Program) <input type="checkbox"/> General Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Education <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)
Course Fee: None
Instructor's Qualifications: Master's Degree plus 18 graduate level psychology credits.
Expanded Course Description (provides details regarding major course concepts, target audience, delivery format, etc)

Prepared by:

Name, Title Date

Approved Per LOT Minutes

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