

Psychology 345A (A01) ±Drugs and Behaviour: Basic Principles Summer 2022 (July)

M, T, W, Th, F, 2:30 - 4:20 pm

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COURSE INFO

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Summary

In this class, we will discuss behavioural pharmacology as it applies to humans. Topics will include how chemicals affect the nervous system and human behaviour. Basic biological and pharmacological concepts will be presented, and students will have the opportunity to vote on which specific chemicals we will discuss.

Learning Objectives

- x an understanding of the biological mechanisms involved in drug use.
- x knowledge of the effects of drugs on psychological and behavioural processes.
- x substance-specific characteristics in treatment and/or addiction.
- x learned to think critically, and communicate about, scientific and popular claims.

REQUIREMENTS

Registration

Before you take this course, you must have completed the following:

x **Psyc 251**

The last day to add courses is **July 6th**, and the final course drop deadline is **July 18th**. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they are registered only in courses they have been attending.

Reading Materials

McKim, W.A. and Hancock, S.D. (2016). Drugs and behavior: an introduction to behavioral pharmacology (8th ed.). Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education Inc.

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- x Do not use your classmates' email for any commercial reasons.

Evaluation s

Evaluation Tool	Percent of Grade	Date(s)
Syllabus Quiz	0%	Access denied until complete
Mid-term #1	25%	Tuesday July 12 th
Mid-term #2	25%	Tuesday July 19 th
Mid-term #3	25%	Tuesday July 26 th
Research Proposal	15%	Jul 15 th or 22 nd or 28 th (See syllabus calendar for topics)
In-Class Discussion	10%	Surprise!
Bonus	2%	Tuesday, July 26 th , 4:30 pm

Criteria

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C*	D	F
90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	72-76	70-72	65-69	60-64	50-59	0-49

- x You must complete all three exams to receive credit for the course. **Students who do not FRPSOHW H DOO WKUHH H [DPV (see below for exam policies) Q 3 1' JUDGH**
- x If you do not complete other course assignments,

Research Proposal (15%)

In order to develop a sense for weighing research claims and thinking critically, you will be asked to propose a research study investigating the effects of a specific drug or drug-related topic. Students will be allowed to select their own topic however the submission deadline will coincide with class lecture (see schedule for dates). Detailed instructions will be posted on Brightspaces.

- x All submissions must be typed into Brightspaces or submitted as .docx OR .pdf; submissions in any other format will not be accepted
- x **No make-ups or substitutions will be permitted**; students will be penalized 10% for every day their submission is late. Failure to complete the proposal will result in a 16% deduction.

In-Class Discussion (5 x 2% = 10%)

The purpose of these activities is to have you apply knowledge by relating course content to current events, and to demonstrate your knowledge. Students only need to complete 5 discussions, however there may be more than necessary (time permitting). There is no best-of opportunity, and only the first 5 discussions will be graded for quality and depth of application.

- x All submissions must be delivered in .docx OR .pdf; submissions in any other format will not be accepted
- x **No extensions or re-makes will be permitted**; failure to complete a specific activity will result in a 2% deduction.

Bonus (2%)

There are two options to choose from. Students cannot do both for additive/double credit.

SONA

You may participate in the Psychology Research Participation System (SONA). You will receive 1% bonus points for each 1 credit of participation.

Research Art Project

You will be required to create an art piece that contrasts a psychological function, ability or process in both typical and abnormal form. You will receive credit based on fulfilling the criteria of the project (and not content). Instructions will be posted on Brightspaces.

All credit attempts and art projects must be allowed by the end of the semester. (0.00000912 0.612 792)

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Territory Acknowledgement:

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Extraneous Circumstances

Life happens! If you find yourself in a position where completing course requirements is not

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BEFORE a due date. Extensions, exemptions, or negotiations will not be granted on or after a deadline.

Contacting Us

Office Hours

If you would like to book an appointment, please e-mail us for a zoom meeting. The Instructor will be available to discuss your grades, material, or more general topics about psychology, whereas the TA can aid in learning/understanding course material. Please be advised the TA has no power to change grades or postpone due dates; the TA is a learning resource.

E-mail

When e-mailing the Instructor or the TA S O H D V H «

- x **include psyc345A in your subject headline** or the e-mail will not reach us!
- x include your name and student number at the bottom of the e-mail
- x allow 24 hours (1 day) for a reply before resending the e-mail again
- x **do not contact us through Brightspace; we will not reply**

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Important Course Policy Information
Summer 2022

Prerequisites

Students who remain in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites do so at their own risk. Students who complete courses without prerequisites ARE NOT exempt from having to complete the prerequisite course(s) if such courses are required for the degree program.

Program Requirements

For more information see the UVic Calendar May 2022

<https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/future/undergrad/index.php#/programs?expanded=>

Registration Status

Policy on Academic Integrity including Plagiarism and Cheating

The Department of Psychology fully endorses and intends to enforce rigorously the Senate Policy on Academic integrity

https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/future/undergrad/#/policy/Sk_0xsM_V?bc=true&bcCurrent=08%20-%20Policy%20on%20Academic%20Integrity&bcGroup=Undergraduate%20Academic%20Regulations&bcltemType=policies

BE WELL



A note to remind you to take care of yourself. Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress. All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone.

Social Life, Friends, & Community at UVic:

Having a social network is an extremely important foundation for positive mental health. There are lots of benefits to joining clubs, courses, intramurals and teams on campus.

<https://www.uvic.ca/mentalhealth/undergraduate/connecting/index.php>

Counselling Services:

Counselling Services can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students. www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/

Health Services:

University Health Services (UHS) provides a full service primary health clinic for students, and coordinates healthy student and campus initiatives.

www.uvic.ca/services/health/

Centre for Accessible Learning:

The CAL staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations. www.uvic.ca/services/cal/ The sooner you let us know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

Elders' Voices:

The Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE) has the privilege of assembling a group of Elders from local communities to guide students, staff, faculty and administration in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

www.uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/
