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## Course Outline for AJ 71

### NARCOTICS & DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Effective: Fall 2018

#### I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 71 — NARCOTICS & DRUG ENFORCEMENT — 3.00 units

Local, state, and federal narcotics problems and laws; application of investigative procedures and the work and method of special narcotics units; method of locating and apprehending violators; the use of informants and undercover persons.

3.00 Units Lecture

#### Grading Methods:

Letter or P/NP

#### Discipline:

- Administration of Justice

	<u>MIN</u>
<b>Lecture Hours:</b>	54.00
<b>Total Hours:</b>	54.00

#### II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

#### III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

#### IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

**Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- A. Discuss the historical background of drug use and enforcement
- B. Explain the basic legal definitions and concepts that provide a foundation for drug laws
- C. List the major federal and state laws concerning the use and abuse of narcotics and dangerous drugs
- D. Describe the effects of drug use, user profiles, and the symptoms of drug use
- E. Discuss the cultural, psychological and physiological explanations for drug use
- F. Explain the organization and methods of special police drug units

#### V. CONTENT:

- A. Introduction
  1. Historical background
  2. Pharmacological drug classifications
  3. Drug identification
- B. Major drugs in current use
  1. Opiates
    - a. Morphine
    - b. Opium
    - c. Heroin
    - d. Codeine
  2. Hallucinogens
    - a. L.S.D. (Lysergic Acid)
    - b. P.C.P. (Phencyclidine)
    - c. Peyote
  3. Dangerous drugs
    - a. Cocaine
    - b. Barbiturates
    - c. Amphetamines
  4. Marijuana
    - a. Plant
    - b. Hashish
  5. Recent fashion drugs like Ecstasy
- C. Symptoms and effects of drugs in current use
- D. Federal and state laws concerning narcotic drug use and abuse
  1. Criminal laws of California
    - a. Penal Code
    - b. Health and Safety Code
    - c. Business and Professions Code
    - d. Vehicle Code
  2. California Civil Code of Procedures

- 3. Federal narcotics law
- E. Methods of specialized investigative police units for narcotics enforcement
  - 1. Research and intelligence
  - 2. Surveillance
  - 3. Search warrants
  - 4. Narcotic "buy" programs
  - 5. Use of agents and informants
  - 6. Case preparation
- F. Current issues
  - 1. Drug smuggling/trafficking
  - 2. Money laundering
  - 3. Narcotic investigations
- G. Social approaches to drug abuse treatment and prevention
  - 1. Crisis intervention
  - 2. Methadone maintenance programs
  - 3. England's approach
  - 4. Legalization of narcotics and drugs

#### VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lecture** -
- B. **Guest Lecturers** -
- C. **Audio-visual Activity** -
- D. **Discussion** -

#### VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Submit written answers to questions at the end of textbook chapters.
- B. Research paper on legalization of a specific drug
- C. Clip news stories of current drug incidents and give a brief oral presentation to the class.
- D. Periodic quizzes, midterm and final exams.

#### VIII. EVALUATION:

##### **Methods/Frequency**

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Quizzes
- C. Research Projects
- D. Papers
- E. Oral Presentation
- F. Class Participation

#### IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

- 1. Stamm, Jeffrey . *On Dope: Drug Enforcement and The First Policeman*. 1st ed., Outskirt Press, 2016.
- 2. Belenko, Steven, and Cassia Spohn. *Drugs, Crime and Justice*. 1st ed., Sage, 2015.
- 3. Drug Enforcement Administration. *Drugs of Abuse*. Drug Enforcement Administration , 2017.

#### X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: