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Course Outline for AJ 71

NARCOTICS & DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Effective: Fall 2004

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 71 — NARCOTICS & DRUG ENFORCEMENT — 2.00 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.

2.00 Units Lecture

Grading Methods:

Discipline:

	<u>MIN</u>
Lecture Hours:	36.00
Total Hours:	36.00

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;
 1. list the major federal and state laws concerning the use and abuse of narcotics and dangerous drugs;
 2. describe the effects of drug use, user profiles, and the symptoms of drug use;
 3. discuss the cultural, psychological and physiological explanations for drug use;
 4. 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. **Audio-visual Activity** -
- B. **Guest Lecturers** -
- C. **Discussion** -
- D. **Lecture** -

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.

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

1. Exams/Tests
2. Quizzes

B. **Frequency**

1. Frequency of Evaluation
 - a. Attendance and participation will be evaluated daily
 - b. Quizzes and brief reports will occur periodically throughout the semester
 - c. The midterm will occur near mid semester, the research paper near the end and the final at the end of the term

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. Miller, Gary J *Drugs and the Law for Street Cops.*, Miller Publishing Company., 0.
2. Ksir, and Ray *Drugs, Society and Human Behavior.*, McGraw Hill Publishing Company., 0.
3. Liska, Ken *Drugs and the Body with Implications for Society.*, Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers., 0.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: