

T	18	EXAM 2: Chapters 6, 7, 8	
TH-T	20-25	Alcohol	CHP 9
TH	27	Tobacco	CHP 10

NOVEMBER →

T	1	Tobacco cont.	CHP 10
TH	3	Caffeine	CHP 11
T	8	EXAM 3: Chapters 9, 10, 11	
TH-T	10-15	Opiates	CHP 13
TH-T	17-22	Hallucinogens	CHP 14
TH	24	Holiday - Thanksgiving	
T	29	Marijuana/THC	CHP 15

DECEMBER →

TH	1	Marijuana/THC cont.	CHP 15
T	6	EXAM 4: Chapters 13, 14 & 15	
TH	8	Final exam review session (optional)	

T	13	10:00 am FINAL EXAM (optional)	
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

This course will serve as an introduction to psychopharmacology (the study of the effects of drugs on the brain and behavior) and the processes of drug addiction. Major topics include classification of drugs, basic principles of pharmacology, the behavioral and physiological effects of drugs, and how drugs affect the fine chemical balance within our brains. We will begin by studying the nervous system and the actions of drugs before exploring the pharmacology of stimulants, depressants, inhalants, psychotherapeutics, alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, opiates, hallucinogens, and marijuana. This course will consist of lectures, discussions, and occasional video clips. There is no lab component to this course. 😊

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - After successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe the characteristics and outline the major behavioral classifications of psychoactive drugs.
2. Explain the process of neural transmission and the mechanisms of drug action on neurotransmitters and receptor function.

GRADING:

1. **Exams:**

There will be four (4) exams each worth 70 points, consisting of multiple choice-questions and short-answer/ fill-in-the-blank/ or identification questions. The questions will be taken primarily from lecture and the reading assignments, but you can expect some test questions on videos or any class activity. An optional final will be offered for students who have missed an exam or who wish to replace a low exam score. The optional final exam will consist of 70 multiple-choice questions and will cover material from the entire semester. **You will need a #2 pencil and a Scantron 886 form for each exam.**

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 280

2. **Drugs, Society, and Behavior Article Summaries:**

Over the course of the semester you will be assigned to write four (4) summaries of published articles on drug-related topics. I will provide the articles and specific questions one week before they are due. Detailed assignment guidelines will be provided during the second week of classes. Each article summary is worth 20 points. Late assignments will be penalized 5 points **per day** late.

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 80

3. Practice Quizzes:

Four times over the semester I will give you a “surprise” 10-point quiz at the beginning of class. These quizzes may be multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, matching, or labeling a diagram and I will provide you with the paper. These quizzes will help prepare you for exams. Reading your textbook and studying your lecture notes will prepare you for these quizzes.

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 40

There are a TOTAL of 400 points available with the following grade breakdown (no + / -):

360 - 400	A
320 - 359	B
280 - 319	C
240 - 279	D
<240	F

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

For last day to drop classes, file for a refund, or file for Pass/No Pass, please see your class schedule which is available via PiratesNet. You may drop classes using the online system until 11 pm on the last day to drop.

If you stop attending class and miss 2 weeks (consecutively) and the assignments therein, you will be dropped from the class. If you receive financial aid, your benefits may be affected.

MAKE-UP POLICY:

There are no make-ups on missed exams. If you miss an exam, plan to take the optional final exam to replace your missed exam. There are also no make-ups on missed in-class activities. Regular attendance is important to earn points toward your final grade.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

You are expected to attend every class meeting. You are responsible for all materials presented and announcements made in class. As stated above, exam questions will be taken primarily from lecture so absences will result in a lower grade.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Any evidence of academic dishonesty (e.g., cheating on an exam or plagiarism, including copying another student's paper or copying information from the internet without citing the source) will result in a failing grade on that assignment, a filing of an MJC Student Conduct Report for your violation of the YCCD/MJC Standards of Conduct, and you may be referred to the Student Discipline Officer for further action.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

I will make accommodations for students who require special assistance because of a disability. If you require some assistance, please discuss your situation with me early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Note: The above schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.