

**University of North Texas at Dallas
Fall 2014
SYLLABUS**

CJUS/SOCI 3630: Drugs, Crime and Society 3Hrs

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Class Meeting Days & Times:	Thursday 7:00pm – 9:50pm		
Course Catalog Description:	Examines the relationship between drugs, crime and human behavior. Explores the relationship between drug abuse and crime and the policy proposals developed to control drug trafficking, drug abuse, and drug-related crime, as well as the multi-faceted aspects and effects of chemical abuse and dependency.		
Prerequisites:	None		
Co-requisites:			
Required Text:	<p>Abadinsky, H. (2014). Drug Use and Abuse: A Comprehensive Introduction. Eighth Edition</p> <p>Alexander, M. (2012). The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.</p>		
Recommended Text and References:			
Access to Learning Resources:	<p>UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 780-3625; web: http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm</p> <p>UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: 1012mgr@fheg.follett.com</p>		
Course Goals or Overview:	The goal of this course is to...		
Learning Objectives/Outcomes:	At the end of this course, the student will		
1	Be able to explain the impact of drug abuse and its bi-directional relationship to crime.		
2	Demonstrate the ability to understand the theoretical foundations drug abuse in the U.S.		
3	Define important concepts related to the understanding of drug abuse and its relation to crime in the U.S.		
4	Identify important and significant drug and crime policies that impact America's position on drug abuse.		

Course Outline:

This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by e-mail to all students to ensure documentation of changes.

TOPICS	TIMELINE
Introduction	08/28/14
Abadinsky Chpt 1; On-Line quiz; and Forum Due	09/04/14
Abadinsky Chpt 2; On-Line Quiz; Alexander Chpt 1; and Video	09/11/14
Abadinsky Chpt 3; On-Line Quiz; Forum Due; and CT Online (via Forum)	09/18/14 (Online)
Abadinsky Chpt 4; On-Line Quiz; Alexander Chpt 2; and Review	09/25/14
On-Line Exam 1	10/02/14
Abadinsky Chpt 5; On-Line Quiz; Video; and Alexander Chpt 3	10/09/14
Abadinsky Chpt 6; On-Line Forum Due; On-Line Quiz; CT On-Line (via Forum)	10/16/14 (Online)
Abadinsky Chpt 7; On-Line Quiz; and Alexander Chpt 4	10/23/14
Abadinsky Chpt 8; On-Line Quiz; and Review	10/30/14
On-Line Exam 2	11/06/14
Abadinsky Chpt 9; On-Line Quiz; On-Line Forum Due; and Alexander Chpt 5	11/13/14
Abadinsky Chpt 10; On-Line Quiz; CT Online (via Forum); and Alexander Chpt 6	11/20/14 (Online)
Abadinsky Chpt 11 & 12; On-Line Quizzes;	12/04/14

Review; and Book Review Due	
On-Line Final	12/11/14

Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

Exams – In class multiple choice/true and false exams designed to measure knowledge of presented course material

On-Line Forums-Designed to encourage student engagement, discussion, and reinforce course material.

Quizzes – On-line multiple choice/true and false exams designed to measure knowledge of presented course material and reinforce the assigned readings.

Assignments – Book Review of “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness. (See Rubric for Grading Criteria)

In-Class Critical Thinking—Participation in each class session is required. Students should come to class prepared to actively engage one another and the course material on the critical issues that will be explored. In order to facilitate participation students will be required to participate in ten-minute critical thinking exercises during class.

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Grading Matrix:

Instrument	Value (points or percentages)	Total
Book Review	100 points	100
On-Line Forums	6 Forums at 40 points each	240
Quizzes	12 quizzes at 20 points each	240
Exams	3 Exams at 100 points each	300
Critical Thinking (CT)	6 in class CT 40 points each	240
Total:		

Grade Determination:

A = 960 – 864 pts; i.e. 90% or better

B = 863 – 768 pts; i.e. 80 – 89 %

C = 767 – 672 pts; i.e. 70 – 79 %

D = 671 – 576 pts; i.e. 60 – 69 %

F = 575 pts or below; i.e. less than 60%

Grading Rubric

On-Line Forums		
Dimensions		Points
Responses	The student must respond first to the original question posted by the professor and then respond to two different students posts. The response to the professor and students must be no less than 150 words.	20
Relevance	The responses must be relevant to the topic and must add value to the on-line discussion. For example, responses that simply concur are not acceptable.	5
Content	Responses should be based upon research and supported by theories identified in the readings.	10
Civility	The student responses must be consistent with college and course policy. If not student may lose the opportunity to participate in further discussions.	5
TOTAL		40

Note: Do Not Upload Your Responses.

University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

The University of North Texas Dallas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. For more information, you may visit the Student Life Office, Suite 200, Building 2 or call 972-780-3632.

The Department of Criminal Justice is committed to full academic access for all qualified students, including those with disabilities. In keeping with this commitment and in order to facilitate equality of educational access, faculty members in the department will make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with a disability, such as appropriate adjustments to the classroom environment and the teaching, testing, or learning methodologies when doing so does not fundamentally alter the course. If you have a disability, it is your responsibility to obtain verifying information from the Office of Student Life and to inform me of your need for an accommodation. Grades assigned before an accommodation is provided will not be changed. Information about how to obtain academic accommodations can be found in UNTD Policy 7.004, [Disability Accommodations for Students](#), and by visiting Student Life, building 2, Suite 200. 972-780-3632, studentlife@unt.edu.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Assignment Policy:

All written assignments will follow APA guidelines. For guidance on APA guidelines please visit <http://apastyle.org/> or <http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/apa/> as sources. Although not required for this course, the APA manual will serve as an invaluable tool for you throughout your educational career and it is highly recommended that you consider purchasing this book.

*All assignments are to be completed and submitted on time. On-line quizzes are only allowed to be taken during the assigned time (i.e., no make-up for on-line quizzes). **All other late assignments will be assessed a 20% grade reduction for each day the assignment is late.***

Exam Policy:

*Exams should be taken as scheduled. **No makeup examinations** will be allowed except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook).*

If the need for a makeup exam arises the makeup exam will consist of essay, fill-in-the blank and short answers questions. The original exam and the makeup exam will not be in the same format.

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of conduct and Academic Dishonesty policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct at http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/index.html for complete provisions of this code.

Bad Weather Policy:

On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website www.unt.edu/dallas. Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it

impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent.

Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities as the instructor deems appropriate. Some of the topics in this class can be controversial and emotional in character. As students from diverse backgrounds it is imperative that we respect each other's opinion and understand that there will be disagreement. However the diversity in opinion is how we learn, so be respectful of other student's opinions. This is a class for learning.

NOTE: Other course requirements and instructions will be handed out or explained during class.

UNT Dallas Fall Calendar: