

**Sam Houston State University  
Department of Health and Kinesiology**

**Course:** HED 280 – Drug Use and Abuse

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Office Hours: Wednesday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**Text:** Drugs, Society and Human Behavior, 12 th Ed., Ksir, Hart and Ray.

**Course Objective:**

To gain an appreciation for the extent of the impact of drugs and alcohol on affected individuals and society in general. You will gain an understanding of the physical and psychological effects of abuse and addiction. We will also explore the challenges involved in prevention and treatment.

**Course Format:**

We will be using the text book as a guide throughout the course. We will have assigned reading and discuss the material subsequently. You should be familiar with the material and prepared to answer questions over the material. We will have an occasional pop quiz to ensure that everyone is staying on top of the reading. You will also be asked to do a specific project related to a drug or alcohol topic of your choice.

**Presentation:**

You will be asked to give a ten minute presentation to the class regarding a drug or alcohol related topic of your choice. You should clear your topic with me first. You may use Power Point or other media for your presentation. If you need something specific for your presentation, you should let me know in advance. This will be an important portion of your grade. There is no reason you should not do well on this project.

**Tests Protocol:**

Tests will be in the True/False and multiple choice formats. You will have the opportunity to challenge any test question that you think is incorrect. You should provide some documented support for your argument. I reserve the right to drop any question that is missed by the majority of students. You will be asked to turn off cell phones, remove any head coverings (such as baseball caps, hats, etc.). Anything you bring with you must be left at the front of the classroom during the exam. If you leave during the test, you must turn in your exam as it is at that time for grading. You will not be allowed to return to the classroom.

If you miss a test, you will get a zero for the exam. The only exception will be for medical emergencies which must be documented and verified by me. If you know in advance that you will miss a class, you should discuss it with me in advance.

Cheating will result in a failing grade for the class. No exceptions.

**Course Evaluation:**

Exams:	(3 @ 20% each) Test average.....	60%
Quizzes:	Average: 10 points.....	10%
Presentation:	.....	10%
Attendance:	.....	5%
Final:	.....	15%
Total:	.....	100%

**Grading Scale:**

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
<60	F

The will be no curves or grade changes.

Please take the time to make sure that you understand this syllabus in its entirety. It is your responsibility to do so.

**My Cell Phone Policy:**

As I stated, I am still in a full time practice. It is likely that I will receive a page or a call on my cell phone for medical questions pertaining to my patients. I am generally able to keep my responses sufficiently brief that it will not cause a significant disruption to the class. I suspect it will be a rare occurrence that one of these will result in my leaving the classroom to respond.

**Electronic Devices:**

Laptops are welcome so long as the content on the screen is directly related to the subject at hand. If I find anything else, you will be asked to leave, no exceptions. PDA's may also be used for scheduling purposes. No electronic devices will be allowed during exams.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experience, both in and out of the classroom.

**Classroom Rules of Conduct:**

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Students are to treat faculty and students with respect. Students are to turn off all cell phones while in the classroom. Under no circumstances are cell phones or any electronic devices to be used or seen during the time of examinations. Students may tape record lectures provided they do not disturb other students in the process.

**Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:**

Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work.

**Students with Disabilities Policy:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center.