



Course Outline

HEALT1002 DRUGS AND SOCIETY

Title:	DRUGS AND SOCIETY
Code:	HEALT1002
Formerly:	HM521
School / Division:	School of Health Sciences
Level:	Introductory
Pre-requisites:	Nil
Co-requisites:	Nil
Exclusions:	(HM521)
Progress Units:	15
ASCED Code:	61399

Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

Knowledge:

- Compare national and international strategies and policies regarding drugs and society, including historical perspectives.
- Analyse strategies used in the media that influence opinions and beliefs about various drugs and their use in society
- Explore drug use in a variety of socio-environmental contexts: comparing and contrasting individual and community attitudes to drugs and drug use
- Identify and appraise health promotion strategies for preventing inappropriate drug use and for reducing harm in relation to issues relating to risk and protective factors
- Describe the psychological, physiological and social effects of drug use identifying and describing categories of drugs and their short term and long term effects
- Explore issues relating to addictive behaviours, comparing substance and non-substance addictions

Skills:

- Compare and contrast drug use contexts
- Research and present issues related to preventing use and reducing harm, designing drug education for classroom delivery
- Access and retrieve information on issues related to drug use

Values:

- Appreciate the extent diversity of drug use in society.
- Examine and clarify values and attitudes related to drug use and addiction



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- Appreciate a range of perspectives related to drug use in society

Content:

Topics may include:

- Historical perspectives
- Theoretical perspectives of drug use and addiction
- Socio-cultural and economic influences
- Drug use - patterns and trends and addiction issues
- Harm reduction and harm minimisation
- Terminology, definitions and pharmacology
- Consumer issues
- Drugs in sport

Learning Tasks & Assessment:

Learning Task	Assessment	Weighting
Tutorial attendance and participation	At least 90% attendance and participation in tutorial sessions	S/U
Group: Media and information analysis and planning & developing a lesson on a selected drug topic	Class presentation	30%
Researching a topic related to drug use within society	Research paper	40%
Responses to current issues in relation to drug use and reflecting on own attitudes/experiences in relation to lecture material	Written responses assigned during lecture and self -Reflective Journal	30%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

Handbook Summary:

Students will identify the nature and extent of drug use and misuse in society. The psychological, physiological and social effects of drug use will be examined. The diversity of community attitudes to drugs will be acknowledged in discussion of health promotion strategies for preventing inappropriate drug use and the reduction of harm to the individual and the community. National and international drug strategies and policies will be applied to school, community and sport settings.