

Midland College  
Master Syllabus

**SOCI 2340: DRUG USE & ABUSE**

**PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:** For Online courses, students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment by the official census date. Students who do not do so, will be dropped from the course.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Study of the use and abuse of drugs in today's society. Emphasizes the physiological, sociological, and psychological factors.

**TEXTS:** Will be current. Students should contact their instructor prior to purchasing the text and supplies to confirm required course materials.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

After successfully completing this course students will be able to:

- Identify the factors defining a drug in the context of society and social reaction.
- Identify the factors defining addiction and abuse in the context of society and social reaction.
- Explore the meaning of drug and drug use in the cultural context, identifying the perception of drug use across various cultural groups.
- Debate the use of specific drugs from a cultural and societal perspective.
- Identify social solutions to drug use and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions to both groups and individuals.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND CLASS POLICIES:**

- Students are expected to attend class regularly and read the material in the textbook.
- Students will take tests (covering text material and lecture notes) and turn in assignments on time.
- Students should reduce distractions in the classroom by refraining from private discussions with other students and by turning off cell phones, iPods, and beepers during class. No texting.
- A schedule of classroom activities will be given to each student at the beginning of the semester.
- Cheating policy: Students are expected to complete their own work and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. (See MC Catalog & Handbook for college policy.)

The minimum penalty for academic dishonesty will be failure on that assignment. Information should be put in your own words and references should be cited. Quoted material must include quotation marks and cited sources.

- Instructors cannot drop students with a “W”. This must be accomplished officially by the student in the registrar’s office.

## **EVALUATION OF STUDENTS:**

Final grades will be determined according to the following criteria:

- Tests will consist of questions based on assigned reading material and lectures. A variety of testing methods may be used including essay exams, multiple choice and short answer questions. Some evaluation must be completed through writing. It is the student’s responsibility to know their individual instructor’s grading policy.
- The grading system used in class will be discussed during the first week of the class. Grades are determined by the method determined by the instructor.
- Make Up exam policy is at the discretion of the instructor, except when the student is absent on official College business or activity. The testing center may be used for make-up exams.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:** Each instructor will include a class schedule here outlining the topics for the course.

## **Non-Discrimination Statement:**

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## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement:**

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit [www.midland.edu/accommodation](http://www.midland.edu/accommodation) and

complete the Application for Accommodation Services located under the Apply for Accommodations tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply and be approved to receive them. All documentation submitted will be reviewed and a “Notice of Accommodations” letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations.

**Division Information:** *Social & Behavioral Sciences; MHAB 176; 685-6829*

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