

FACULTY OF SCIENCE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC1022

PSYCHOLOGY OF ADDICTION

SUMMER SEMESTER U1C, 2017-2018

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1. Information about the Course			
FACULTY	Science		
SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT	Psychology		
COURSE CODE	PSYC1022		
COURSE NAME	Psychology of Addiction		
SEMESTER	Summer U1C	YEAR	2017-2018
UNITS OF CREDIT	6	LEVEL OF COURSE	General/1
ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE, PREREQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITES	None		
SUMMARY OF THE COURSE	This course deals with transdisciplinary issues pertinent to the understanding and treatment of drug addiction. Topics include: historic origins of drugs; manufacture, global distribution and black market economics; epidemiology of population uptake; biomedical harms; neuropharmacological actions; effects on learning, motivation, cognition and behaviour; psychiatric comorbidity; individual differences in vulnerability; brain mechanisms of reward and impaired cognitive control; treatment by behavioural interventions and pharmacotherapy; prevention by education; prohibition by criminal justice; and the role of scientific evidence in government policy. The course will provide a broad understanding of drug use and the systems in place to counteract it. The course is taught, and all assessments (including final exam) are entirely online using the e-learning Moodle site [https://student.unsw.edu.au/moodle].		

2. Staff Involved in the Course				
COURSE COOR	DINATOR			
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LECTURERS	LECTURERS			
Name	Phone	Email	Office	Contact Time & Availability
Dr. Lee Hogarth Dr. Marios Panayi Helena Pacitti	N/A	N/A	N/A	All questions regarding the course content should be directed to Phillip Green
TUTORS & DEMONSTRATORS				
Name	Phone	Email	Office	Contact Time & Availability
Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Course Timetable				
Component	Class Number	Day	Time	Location
Topics 1, 2, 3 & Research & Writing Skills	1	Available week starting 4/12/17	Monday 9am	Moodle (Web)
Topics 4, 5 & 6	2	Available week starting 11/12/17	Monday 9am	Moodle (Web)
Topics 7, 8 & 9	3	Available week starting 01/01/18	Monday 9am	Moodle (Web)
Topics 10, 11 & 12	4	Available week starting 08/01/19	Monday 9am	Moodle (Web)
Topics 13 & 14	5	Available week starting 15/01/18	Monday 9am	Moodle (Web)
Topics 15 & 16	6	Available week starting 22/01/18		

6. Graduate Attributes			
Science Graduate	Level of Focus 0 = No focus	Activities/Assessment	
Attributes [*]	1 = Minimal 2 = Minor 3 = Major		
1.Research, inquiry and analytical thinking abilities ³		Acquire knowledge of abnormal psychology, biological bases of behaviour, cognition, individual differences, learning, lifespan development, motivation and emotion,	

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10. Assessment

Assessment Task

Weight

11. Expected Resources for Students		
TEXTBOOKS	None	
COURSE MANUAL	Available on course page	
REQUIRED READINGS	Will be released on Moodle at the beginning of week 1 (4/12/17)	
	You should be aware of policies regarding your behaviour at the university. Familiarize yourself with the following: Student Code of Conduct, ht	
RECOMMENDED		

INTERNET SITES

search databases, identify good quality information and write assignments. It will also help you understand plagiarism and how to avoid it. All undergraduate students have to review the ELISE tutorial in their first semester and complete the quiz, but any student can review it to improve their knowledge: <u>http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise</u>.

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