

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 4303 F – Drugs, The User and The State
TERM:	Winter 2017
PREREQUISITES:	Fourth-year Honours standing and one of LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays, 8:35 am-11:25 am Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
INSTRUCTOR: (CONTRACT)	Nick E. Milanovic
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we attempt to make sense of the state's historical and contemporary efforts to control drugs and drug users by exploring different aspects of drug control through the ideological and institutional apparatuses of the state. The purpose of this course is to encourage students to think critically about domestic and international experiences in drug control. We explore different forms of drug control, looking at the role of both criminal and administrative law in attempts to regulate substances. Students will be encouraged to closely scrutinize common ideas surrounding drugs by considering drug control from social, cultural, legal, political, economic and international perspectives.

REQUIRED TEXTS

A coursepack will be made available through Octopus Books, 118 Third Avenue, Ottawa – www.octopusbooks.ca * Additional readings may be posted on our course website.

EVALUATION

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

1. Essay (**due electronically on or before midnight April 3, 2017**, further information available in class.) 50 percent
2. Classroom Presentation/Outline (based on essay up to 30 minutes in length) 20 percent
3. Classroom Facilitation (dates to be assigned in class) 10 percent
4. Class Participation 20 percent

***All components must be completed to obtain a passing grade.**

SCHEDULE

The topics covered correspond to the headings noted below and provide a departure point for each class. Readings will be assigned at the end of each class (and after class posted on cuLearn) and will normally consist of readings from the coursepack and/or additional assigned material. All material should be read before the next scheduled class so as to be prepared for classroom discussion. The date at the left side of the outline below indicate the Monday of each week of the course and the reading to be assigned (TBA) will corresponds to the topics listed below.

1. January 09	Introduction	No Reading
2. January 16	The War on Drugs	TBA
3. January 23	Policing and Drugs	TBA
4. January 30	Exclusion of "Difference" Drugs and Race	TBA
5. February 6	International Drug Control	TBA
6. February 13	Regulation of Pharmaceuticals	TBA
7. February 20	Winter Break, no class	No reading
8. February 27	Drug Policy – Harm Reduction	TBA
9. March 6	Drug Users	TBA
10. March 13	Disability and Prescription Drugs	TBA
11. March 20	Drugs and Crime	TBA
12. March 27	Sentencing and Drug Treatment Courts	TBA
13. April 3	Decriminalization and Regulation of Marijuana **Essays are Due Today	TBA