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How to contact us	Use your UVM e-mail account so we can reply (if needed) with confidential information about your work in the class. In most cases, you will get a reply within 1 business day as e-mail is checked frequently (but not on Saturdays). For most prompt response, send to the class account instead of to individual instructors. If the message is intended specifically for Dr. Hudziak then note that in the e-mail.			
How we contact you	Most information will be posted on Blackboard. If we need to contact you individually, we will use your UVM e-mail address. Students are expected to manage their own e-mail accounts so that they can receive messages related to the course.			
Web-based resources	<a href="https://bb.uvm.edu/">https://bb.uvm.edu/</a> This is your gateway to the resources for the course, including readings, videos, and other material. Most of your assignments will be posted here. You are expected to check it regularly.			
Section	CRN	Time	Days	Location
COMU 021	94935	8:30-9:45	T / Th	Waterman 413

## Student Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the neural mechanisms sub-serving intoxication by psychoactive substances
- Develop an understanding of the biopsychosocial correlates of progression from substance use to substance abuse and addiction.
- Describe biopsychosocial factors that confer additional risk of substance misuse
- Develop an understanding of government policies related to psychoactive substances

## This course has several elements:

Many seminars will be lecture-style communicating peer reviewed research to the class. Accompanying seminars will include debates, class discussions, films, and guest lectures as an interactive way to consolidate knowledge gained about a topic. Throughout the course, we will be creating a final project individually or in small groups which will be presented in December.

## Grading Criteria / Attendance Policy

Elements	Details	Points Possible	Percentage of Grade
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>**Attendance is mandatory. Each student gets two excused absences, each absence after that will result in a deduction from your attendance grade.</b>	180	30%
<b>Blackboard Assignments</b>	10 graded assignments that will be submitted online	120	20%
<b>In Class Activities/Participation</b>	TBA	120	20%
<b>Quizzes</b>	Two quizzes total, each worth 5%	60 (30 per quiz)	10%
<b>Final Project</b>	This will be finalized over the course of our class	120	20%
Total		600	100%

\*\* As noted above, attendance is **mandatory**. Each student is allowed two excused absences. Each absence thereafter will negatively affect your grade by a loss of 10 points per absence. (Unless you have a scheduled varsity or club athletic event, religious holiday, illness, or family crisis that is covered by UVM policy)

## Is there a textbook?

**No!** *There is no required textbook for this course. Instead, there will be weekly reading assignments, including research papers, which relate and help to further enforce the concepts covered in lecture.*

## Weekly Blackboard Assignments:

There will be a total of 10 assignments and they will make up 20% of the final grade for the course. Each assignment will be due Fridays by 10pm. Late assignments will *not* be accepted. The activities will range from readings and responses to professional tests used to diagnose drug addiction.

## In Class activities:

In class activities are used to grade participation in the course. In class activities give students the opportunity to collaborate with other students and discuss the concepts being presented. These may take the form of informal discussion groups or group debates.

## Quizzes:

There will be 2 quizzes throughout the semester as outlined in the schedule. Each quiz is worth 5% of your final grade. The quizzes will contain a variety of multiple choice questions and two short answer questions.

## Classroom Environment Expectations:

- Students are expected to attend every class, arriving promptly and remaining alert and involved until dismissed by the instructor
- Faculty and students will promote academic discourse and the free exchange of ideas by listening with civil attention to all individuals.
- **Laptop computers and other web-enabled devices:** Cell phones cannot be used during class; laptops are not permitted for any reason other than note taking; if laptops are found to be used for other purposes, they will be banned from class as permitted by UVM policy.

## Course Schedule

Week 1	<i>Tuesday, Aug 29</i>	<b>Introduction</b>
	<i>Thursday, Aug 31</i>	<b>Substance Use Patterns</b>
Week 2	<i>Tuesday, Sep 5</i>	<b>Mechanisms of Intoxication (cont.)</b>
	<i>Thursday, Sep 7</i>	<b>Risk Factors for Substance Misuse</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 1 Due Friday</b>
Week 3	<i>Tuesday, Sep 12</i>	<b>Risk Factors for Substance Misuse</b>
	<i>Thursday, Sep 14</i>	<b>Impact of Maternal Drug Use during Prenatal Brain Development</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 2 Due Friday</b>
Week 4	<i>Tuesday, Sep 19</i>	<b>Impact of Maternal Drug Use during Prenatal Brain Development</b>
	<i>Thursday, Sep 21</i>	<b>VFBA OB Study Group Presenters</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 3 Due Friday</b>
Week 5	<i>Tuesday, Sep 26</i>	<b>Debate #1: Maternal Substance Abuse</b>
	<i>Thursday, Sep 28</i>	<b>Substance Use in Adolescence</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 4 Due Friday</b>
Week 6	<i>Tuesday, Oct 3</i>	<b>Substance Use and Mature Brain Organization</b>
	<b>Thursday, Oct 5</b>	<b>Quiz 1</b>
Week 7	<i>Tuesday, Oct 10</i>	<b>Substance Misuse and Neuropsychiatric Symptoms I</b>
	<i>Thursday, Oct 12</i>	<b>Substance Misuse and Neuropsychiatric Symptoms II</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 5 Due Friday</b>
Week 8	<i>Tuesday, Oct 17</i>	<b>Behavioral Addictions</b>
	<i>Thursday, Oct 19</i>	<b>Non-Addictive Substances</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 6 Due Friday</b>
Week 9	<i>Tuesday, Oct 24**</i>	<b>Debate #2: Hallucinogens and Mental Health</b>

Week 9 (cont.)	Thursday, Oct 26**	<b>Warning: This Drug May Kill You Film</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 7 Due Friday</b>
Week 10	Tuesday, Oct 31	<b>Intervention and Abstinence</b>
	Thursday, Nov 2	<b>Cognitive Enhancement</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 8 Due Friday</b>
Week 11	Tuesday, Nov 7	<b>Models of Substance Use Policy</b>
	Thursday, Nov 9	<b>Models of Substance Use Policy</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 9 Due Friday</b>
Week 12	Tuesday, Nov 14	<b>Debate #3: Substance Abuse Policy</b>
	Thursday, Nov 16	<b>Quiz 2</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>		
Week 14	Tuesday, Nov 28	<b>Final Presentations</b>
	Thursday, Nov 30	<b>Final Presentations</b> <b>*Blackboard Assignment 10 Due Friday</b>
Week 15	Tuesday, Dec 5	<b>Final Presentations</b>
	Thursday, Dec 7	<b>Final Presentations</b>
Week 16	Final Exam Period	<b>Final Presentations (if needed)</b>

\*Please note: the course schedule is NOT finalized and may be changed according to lecture progress, invited speakers, and class discussion. NO CHANGES IN THE SYLLABUS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR DISCUSSION WITH THE WHOLE CLASS.

\*\*Dr. Hudziak will be away for AACAP; class will be led by TAs or another instructor

**Student Learning Accommodations:** In keeping with University policy, any student with a documented disability interested in utilizing accommodations should contact Student Accessibility Services, the office of Disability Services on campus. Student Accessibility Services works with students and faculty in an interactive process to explore reasonable and appropriate accommodations via an accommodation letter to faculty with approved accommodations as early as possible each semester. All students are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty to discuss the accommodations they plan to use in each course.

Contact Student Accessibility Services: A170 Living/Learning Center; 802-656-7753; [access@uvm.edu](mailto:access@uvm.edu); [www.uvm.edu/access](http://www.uvm.edu/access)

UVM's policy on disability certification and student support:  
[www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/disability.pdf](http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/disability.pdf)

**Religious Holidays:** Students have the right to practice the religion of their choice. If you need to miss class to observe a religious holiday, please submit the dates of your absence to me in writing by the end of the second full week of classes. You will be permitted to make up work within a mutually agreed-upon time.

**Academic Integrity:** The policy addresses plagiarism, fabrication, collusion, and cheating.  
<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/acadintegrity.pdf>

**Grade Appeals:** If you would like to contest a grade, please follow the procedures outlined in this policy: <http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/gradeappeals.pdf>

**Grading:** For information on grading and GPA calculation, go to [www.uvm.edu/academics/catalogue](http://www.uvm.edu/academics/catalogue) and click on Policies for an A-Z listing.

**Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities:**  
[www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/studentcode.pdf](http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/studentcode.pdf)

**FERPA Rights Disclosure:** The purpose of this policy is to communicate the rights of students regarding access to, and privacy of their student educational records as provided for in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.  
<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/student/ferpa.pdf>

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**Center for Health and Wellbeing** <http://www.uvm.edu/~chwb/>  
**Counseling & Psychiatry Services (CAPS)** Phone: (802) 656-3340

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**Final exam policy:** The University final exam policy outlines expectations during final exams and explains timing and process of examination period.  
<http://www.uvm.edu/academics/catalogue2013-14/?Page=allpolicies.php&SM=policymenu.html&policy=Exams>