



# ANTH1006

## Drugs Across Cultures

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

*Department of Anthropology*

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## General Information

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10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Using anthropological and ethnographic studies, this unit focuses mainly on the social and cultural contexts of drug use, both legal and illegal. Topics include: the international traffic in opium/heroin and cocaine in the Golden Triangle of mainland South-East Asia and in South America and the way this traffic intermeshes with regional politics and local tribal, peasant and commercial systems of production and exchange; the social history of drugs in the USA, UK and Australia; youth culture and drugs in the West; AIDS and intravenous drug use; addiction and treatment; drugs and the law; the global political economy of pharmaceuticals, particularly contraceptives, erectile dysfunction drugs, and antiretrovirals in the age of AIDS; and the placebo effect. Students will learn to appreciate the complex ways that drug use is shaped by cultural, historical, economic, and political factors on a global scale. This unit also examines psychological theories of addiction and the neurology of drug use.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1:** Demonstrate a basic understanding of the pharmacology of recreational drugs.

**ULO2:** Describe the physical, psychological and social aspects of addiction.

**ULO3:** Show familiarity with anthropological and ethnographic approaches to drug use, including the ritual and symbolic aspects of drug use.

**ULO4:** Describe the impact of broad social, political, and economic forces on drug use and on social perceptions of drugs, including how social perceptions of drugs are influenced by gender, class, and ethnicity.

**ULO5:** Identify the influence of local, regional, and global factors on drug production and distribution.

**ULO6:** Clarify your own position on drugs to be able to make informed decisions about drug policy.

**ULO7:** Apply anthropological knowledge to real world issues.

## Assessment Tasks

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

## General Assessment Information

### Weekly Quizzes (starting in week 2)

Due: **See iLearn** Weighting: **40%**

Weekly multiple-choice quizzes, starting in Week 2, are open-note and open-book, and will help you keep up to date with lectures. After each week's lecture you will have to complete a 5-question online quiz on iLearn. **These quizzes are based on lecture materials and weekly readings.**

You will usually NOT find the answers to the quizzes in lecture slides. You will need to listen to lectures and read the required readings each week in order to find the answers. But these are open-note quizzes, so if you take the time to listen to lectures and do the readings, you'll be able to ace them. You will have **5 consecutive hours** to finish the quiz, which will give you plenty of time to listen to the lecture again, if necessary, and consult the weekly readings. **You can take**

**the quiz any time during the six days it is available**, but only during that period. **Once you start taking the quiz, you cannot pause the time countdown.** Once the new quiz is up, the link to take the previous quiz will be closed and you will miss your chance.

The quiz in week 1 is just a practice quiz that is not worth any marks. It's there just to allow you to familiarise yourself with the quiz format and software before you start taking quizzes that count toward your final mark. The weekly quizzes, each worth 4% of your mark, start in Week 2. There are a total of 10 weekly quizzes, from Week 2 through Week 13, excluding Week 8 (when there is a mid-term exam instead).

**Extensions:** Because each quiz is available to take for 6 days, we **will not grant make-up quizzes** (via a Special Consideration request) without documentation that you were incapacitated for 3 or more days during that period. So don't leave the quiz until the last minute, in case you get sick on the last day it's available! Any extensions must be requested in writing with valid documentation of their necessity (e.g. medical certificate) through the university's **Special Consideration** procedure. See [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) for more information about whether your circumstances qualify under the university's policy and information on how to apply for consideration. **Late enrolment is not grounds for requesting a make-up quiz.**

**Feedback:** Immediately after completing the weekly quiz, you will find out your mark, but you will NOT be able to review your answers until after the quiz closes that week. (That's to ensure that the answers can't be shared with other people still taking the quiz.) Each week, at the close of the quiz availability, you will be able to review your answers, see what you got right and wrong, and receive detailed feedback for each question. This will allow you to monitor and track your own progress throughout the semester, see where you are doing well, and what topics you need to improve on for the mid-semester and final exams.

## Mid-Semester Exam (Week 8)

Due: **See iLearn** Weighting: 20%

In Week 8, instead of the regular weekly quiz, there is a mid-semester exam worth 20% of your mark. This is an open-note, online, short-answer exam that will assess comprehensive knowledge of lectures and readings for the first half of the semester. Because it is a short-answer exam, it cannot be auto-marked like the weekly multiple choice quizzes. The mid-semester exam will be marked by markers and returned with feedback 3 weeks after you take the quiz.

## Final Exam (after Week 13 lecture; exact date TBA)

Due: TBA (**See iLearn**) Weighting: 40%

The final exam will be held after the Week 13 lecture. It will be open-note and short-answer, like the mid-semester exam, and worth 40% of your mark. The final exam will assess cumulative knowledge of lectures, readings and films from the entire semester. More details about the format of this exam will be provided later in the semester.

## Delivery and Resources

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: [https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit\\_status](https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status)

Internal and external students have the same lectures and assignments. You must keep up with lectures either by attending lectures or by listening to the lecture recordings on iLearn. You need to complete the quizzes each week and the assignments by their due date.

### Lectures:

Fridays: 1-4pm in 21 Wally's Walk a.k.a. Macquarie Theatre

NOTE: All lectures are recorded on Echo (formerly iLecture) and can be accessed via iLearn. **There are no tutorials in this unit.** There are 3 (mandatory) hours of lecture each week.

**Are you enrolled externally but want to attend class in person?** If you are enrolled externally but you are one of those people who prefer to attend lectures in person – some people just learn better that way – you are welcome to attend the lecture.

### UNIT WEB PAGE

The Unit Homepage can be accessed through iLearn. **The iLearn page for this unit should be your first source of information about this unit.** It is ESSENTIAL that you regularly check the iLearn page, forums and announcements, as these will be the main means of communication between you and your convener.

**Any information given in lectures, even if it is not on this unit guide or on iLearn, is also essential.**

Assignments will be posted and submitted via iLearn, questions can be asked via the forum and additional resources will be uploaded throughout the semester.

**NOTE: REGULAR INTERNET ACCESS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THIS UNIT.** IT is **YOUR** responsibility to procure a reliable and accessible Internet connection throughout the semester. This will be essential for you to complete weekly quizzes, submit assignments and obtain your readings. Lack of Internet access or an unreliable Internet connection will not be a valid excuse for incomplete assessments.

There are **four recommended books** for this course:

1. Suzanne Fraser and David Moore (eds), 2011. *The Drug Effect: Health, Crime and Society*. Melbourne: Cambridge University Press.
2. Marc Lewis, 2013. *Memoirs of an Addicted Brain: A Neuroscientist Examines His Former Life on Drugs*. New York: PublicAffairs.

3. Alison Ritter, Trevor King, and Margaret Hamilton (eds), 2013. *Drug Use in Australian Society*. Melbourne: Oxford University Press.
4. Kuhn, Swartzwelder, & Wilson (eds), 2008. *Buzzed: The straight facts about the most used and abused drugs, from Alcohol to Ecstasy*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. John Wiley & Sons Australia.

Many books can be found cheaper through online booksellers and secondhand booksellers, so you may want to comparison shop before you buy. (Try Book Depository UK and BetterWorldBooks).

If you don't wish to buy the books yourself, the MQ library has multiple copies of each book.

**E-Reserve / Leganto:** Lecture readings are available online as e-Readings through the library.

**Lectures:** If you are an external student, you will be expected to listen to all lectures on iLecture. (Internal students can also listen to the recorded lectures if they cannot attend a lecture in person). These are made available via a link on the unit's iLearn page, usually within 24 hours of the lecture being recorded. The digital slide presentations that accompany the lecture will also be uploaded to iLearn after the lecture. Both of these resources are available to both internal and external students.

**Films:** The films shown in class are available online (search Google / YouTube) or through the library.

## Unit Schedule

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**The lecture schedule is available on iLearn.** Because we bring in a number of guest lecturers who are top researchers and policy-makers in their fields, the lecture schedule may change during the semester according to guest lecturers' availability. Any changes to the lecture schedule and topics will be announced in iLearn and the lecture schedule there will be updated.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)

- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

**Extensions:** Because each weekly quiz is available to take for 6 days, we **will not grant make-up quizzes** (via a Disruption of Studies request) without documentation that you were incapacitated for 3 or more days during that period (in line with MQ's disruption to studies policy). So don't leave the quiz until the last minute, in case you get sick on the last day it's available!

### What disruption to studies / special consideration may *not* be used for:

While special consideration may be used to request a deadline extension, special consideration may NOT be used to raise your grade on an assessment task or to get out of completing an assessment task in the unit.

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.