



ANTH1006

Drugs Across Cultures

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Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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Credit points

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://students.mq.edu.au/important-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.

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

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

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: Apply anthropological knowledge to real world issues and clarify your own position on drugs to be able to make informed decisions about drug policy.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Final Exam	40%	No	Week 13
Weekly Quizzes	40%	No	Weekly from week 2
Mid-Semester Quiz	20%	No	Week 7

Final Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 13 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

A final exam will assess cumulative knowledge of lectures, readings and films from the entire semester

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- Describe the physical, psychological and social aspects of addiction.
- 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.
- Identify the influence of local, regional, and global factors on drug production and distribution.

- Apply anthropological knowledge to real world issues and clarify your own position on drugs to be able to make informed decisions about drug policy.

Weekly Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 13 hours

Due: **Weekly from week 2**

Weighting: **40%**

Weekly quizzes based on lecture materials and weekly readings. They are completed through iLearn and they are open-note and open-book.

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- 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.
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Mid-Semester Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 5 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

An open-note, online, mid-term quiz will assess comprehensive knowledge of lectures and readings for the first half of the semester

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 - Show familiarity with anthropological and ethnographic approaches to drug use, including the ritual and symbolic aspects of drug use.
 - Describe the physical, psychological and social aspects of addiction.
 - 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.
 - Identify the influence of local, regional, and global factors on drug production and distribution.
 - Apply anthropological knowledge to real world issues and clarify your own position on drugs to be able to make informed decisions about drug policy.
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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Learning Skills Unit](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

This unit is delivered online via iLearn and Zoom. Lectures are delivered live and recorded on Zoom, and the lecture recordings subsequently posted to iLearn. All the unit readings are available via Leganto and the Macquarie library online system. The assessment tasks can all be completed online. All information about the unit is provided via the iLearn interface.

Unit Schedule

The unit schedule is available on iLearn. It may change during the semester according to the availability of guest lecturers, so please consult iLearn each week for the latest information about the weekly lecture topics and readings.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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) 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 Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity 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.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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