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Drugs & Society

SOC 4350

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Office Hours: Online by appointment

Lecture Time and Location – blended online and in-person format –

Tuesday, 2:30-3:50, AD-S, Room Virtual; **Thursday**, 2:30-3:50, Room TBA

Course Description

The objective of this seminar is to critically examine sociological perspectives on substance use behaviour and legal-policy debates concerning psychoactive drug use. Selections from the literature will be reviewed by students, with particular attention to Canadian contributions. We will explore a wide array of topics that relate to the construction of drug problems in society – including historical and cultural and regulatory aspects, and the experiences of users of a variety of drugs.

Textbook

Hathaway, A.D. 2015. *Drugs & Society*. Oxford University Press.

Supplementary Assigned Readings

Available on Courselink.

Evaluation

Grades will be determined on the basis of the following:

Term Paper (40%)

Midterm Exam (20%)

Groupwork (20%)

Participation (20%)