BIOL/HEED/PSYC 3303: **DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR**

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Section Information: Biol/Heed/Psyc, 3303, 001

Time and Place of Class Meetings: Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30 – 1:50 PM, 100 Nedderman Hall

Description of Course Content: **3303. Drugs and Behavior (3-0) 3 hours credit.** Psychoactive agents, their therapeutic uses, and social abuses. Alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, narcotics, hallucinogens, stimulants, and tranquilizers.

Course notes: For information about health education certification, see your catalog. BIOL 3303 cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements toward a major in biology, microbiology, or medical technology.

Student Learning Outcomes and Course Goals: One goal of this course is to survey the major categories of drugs and to describe their intended and unintended effects (main and side effects, respectively). Another goal is to understand drug-taking behaviors including use, misuse and abuse. A final goal is to describe the means by which we can become better consumers of information about drugs. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to identify, describe and explain psychoactive agents, their therapeutic uses, and social misuses/abuses.

Required Textbook: Levinthal, C. F. Drugs, Behavior, and Modern Society, 8th ed., Pearson.

Attendance:At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, I will not take attendance.

Examinations and Grading: There will be four multiple-choice examinations. You are required to take all 4 exams. If you miss an exam, a grade of zero will be given. The final course grade will be determined by dividing the total number of correct answers by the total number of questions asked (each exam will count approximately 25% towards the final course grade). A>85, B: 84 - 75, C: 74 - 65, D: 64 - 55 and F<55%. Grade information will be available via BlackBoard.

***Students are expected to supply their own scantron, (form # 4521).***

Make-up exams: Will only be given to those with University-approved excuses (see Catalog) or at the discretion of the instructor. Written documentation of a death in the family, personal illness, or accident will be required. Due to the large size of this class, individual make-up exam times will not be arranged. Rather, the class time on the final lecture day of the semester (Dec 2nd) will be used to schedule all make-up exams.

Scholastic Dishonesty: It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline many include suspension or expulsion for the University.

“Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.” (Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2 Subdivision 3.22)

Academic Integrity:Students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University.

Disability Accommodations: **UT** Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the **Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD).** Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364.

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS)** [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671.

Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Title IX: *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit*[*uta.edu/eos*](http://www.uta.edu/hr/eos/index.php)*. For information regarding Title IX, visit* [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX).

Drop Policy:Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/>)

Student Support Services Available:UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

Electronic Communication Policy:UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>. ***Students are responsible for checking their MavMail regularly.***

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory will be asked to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS) about the course and how it was taught. Instructions on how to access the SFS system will be sent directly to students through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback data is required by state law; student participation in the SFS program is voluntary. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

# Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which can be located on either side of the doors that lead out of the front of the lecture room, or the use of the rear emergency exits leads directly to the outside of the building. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

# Lecture Schedule (As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course. – Perry N. Fuchs)

Drugs, and Drug –Taking Behavior Chapters 1 and 2

Anatomy and Physiology Chapter 3

Prescription and OTC Drugs Chapter 14

**Exam 1 – Tuesday Sept 22**

Nicotine Chapter 10

Caffeine Chapter 11

Performance Enhancing Drugs Chapter 12

Inhalants Chapter 13 pgs 327-334

**Exam 2 – Thursday Oct 8**

Sedative-Hypnotics Chapter 13 pgs 315-327

Stimulants Chapter 4

Opiates Chapter 5

Hallucinogens Chapter 6

**Exam 3 – Thursday Nov 5**

Marijuana Chapter 7

Alcohol Chapters 8 and 9

Psychotherapeutic Drugs Chapter 15

Prevention and Education Chapters 16 and 17

**Exam 4 – Tuesday Dec 1**

**Make-up Exam date – Thursday Dec 3**