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## CNSK 2507: Addiction and Public Policy

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### EFFECTIVE DATE

January 2021

### DEPARTMENT

Counselling Skills

### DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the history and implications of drug policies at local and global levels. Students will consider their own location on the drug policy spectrum and examine the implications for clients and for themselves as workers in the field of addictions.

### CREDITS

1.5

### YEAR OF STUDY

2nd Year Post-secondary

### PREREQUISITES

None

### COREQUISITES

None

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the origin and influences that resulted in the creation of local and global drug policies and the resulting repercussions of these drug policies
- Discuss evidence-based support models and how they relate to drug policies
- Identify alternative drug policies on both a local and global level
- Explain the impact that global drug policies have had on shaping local drug policies
- Examine their own beliefs regarding drug policy
- Apply knowledge of drug policy to better support clients with their recovery

## **PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & RECOGNITION (PLAR)**

PLAR will be assessed by the Department according to standardized practice and using one or more of the following components: Challenge Exam, Demonstration, Interview, or External Evaluation.

## **HOURS**

Lecture: 22

## **INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES**

Lecture, videos, group discussion/work, reflective writing, written practice of skills, readings, peer and instructor feedback

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

Letter Grade (A-F)

## **PASSING GRADE**

C (60%)

## **EVALUATION PLAN**

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Assignments	10-25	Case studies and case conceptualizations
Assignments	5-15	Journal
Quizzes/Tests	15-25	
Project	20-30	Research Project
Participation	10	Professionalism and participation

## **COURSE TOPICS**

- • Historical influences and effects of drug policy
- Alternative drug policies (global and local)
- Evidence-based support models (includes self help)
- Approaches to recovery
- Local recovery services options
- Personal reflection on drug policies

## LEARNING RESOURCES

None

Notes:

- Course contents and descriptions, offerings and schedules are subject to change without notice.
- Students are required to follow all College policies including ones that govern their educational experience at VCC. Policies are available on the VCC website at:  
<https://www.vcc.ca/about/governance--policies/policies/>.
- To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <https://www.bctransferguide.ca>.

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