

BIOL/HEED/PSYC 3303: Drugs and Behavior

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Instructor Information

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Office Hours

Tuesday 10 – 11 and by appointment face-to-face or via Teams

Course Information

Section Information

This course is cross-listed: Biol/Heed/Psyc 3303, section 001

Time and Place of Class Meetings

This class is face-to-face. Tuesday/Thursday 12:30 – 1:50, SIER 198

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

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.

Textbooks and Other Course Materials

This course will be using the Smartbook (eBook) by Hart and Ksir (Drugs, Society & Human Behavior, 18th ed., McGraw Hill, NY). This class has adopted Inclusive Access, meaning that once you register for the class, you have automatic access to the book via the McGraw Hill learning system called Connect . The charge for you eBook (approx. \$94) goes directly to your UTA account, making it eligible for Financial Aid. You have until the census date to “opt out” of the purchase.

Please see the student registration information provided in the “McGraw Hill Connect and Textbook Access Information” module in Canvas for information regarding online registration instructions to obtain access to the book. The URL to direct you to the McGraw Hill site is:

<https://connect.mheducation.com/class/p-fuchs-spring-2023>

Please note that you can also purchase a loose-leaf copy of the textbook from McGraw Hill if you want a physical copy of the textbook. You can also purchase the hardcopy of the textbook from any other source.

Also, there is an optional Lecture Slides & Note Manual that has copies of the course PowerPoint slides printed and bundled in a convenient package. This optional manual also has space to add notes. Cost is \$16 at the UTA bookstore.

Descriptions of major assignments and examinations

There will be four multiple-choice examinations. You are required to take all exams on the date of the exam as listed in the course syllabus. 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_≥90, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69 and F<60%. **Note:** 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.

Technology Requirements

All lectures will be conducted face-to-face and live streamed via ECHO360 during the regular scheduled class time, Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 PM to 1:50 PM. Students are encouraged to attend lecture either face-to-face or attend via OCHO360 livestream during the regularly scheduled class time. Lectures will NOT be recorded.

All exams will be an on-line format administered via Canvas. The exams will be available from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM on the exam days listed on the course schedule below. You can start the exam at any time during the day, but once started there is a one-hour time limit. Please note that if you start the exam after 11:00 PM, the exam will end at 11:59 PM regardless of how many questions you have answered. Exams do not require the use of a lockdown browser or webcam.

Other Requirements

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.

Grading Information

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Make-up Exams

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Grade Grievance Form

The link to submit a grade grievance is: <https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/science/departments/psychology/degree-programs/graduate/graduate-resources/student-grievance-form>

Course Schedule

As the instructor of this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this class. – Perry N. Fuchs

Drugs, and Drug –Taking Behavior
Anatomy and Physiology
Prescription and OTC Drugs

Chapters 1 and 2
Chapters 4 and 5
Chapter 12

Exam 1 – Tuesday Feb 7, 12:00 AM – 11:59 PM via Canvas. One-hour time limit.

Note: if you start the exam after 11:00 PM, the exam will terminate at 11:59 PM regardless of how many questions you have answered.

Tobacco	Chapter 10
Caffeine	Chapter 11
Performance-Enhancing Drugs	Chapter 16
Depressants and Inhalants	Chapter 7

Exam 2 – Tuesday Feb 28, 12:00 AM – 11:59 PM via Canvas. One-hour time limit.

Note: if you start the exam after 11:00 PM, the exam will terminate at 11:59 PM regardless of how many questions you have answered.

Stimulants	Chapter 6
Opioids	Chapter 13
Hallucinogens	Chapter 14
Marijuana	Chapter 15

Exam 3 – Thursday March 30, 12:00 AM – 11:59 PM via Canvas. One-hour time limit.

Note: if you start the exam after 11:00 PM, the exam will terminate at 11:59 PM regardless of how many questions you have answered.

Alcohol	Chapter 9
Psychotherapeutic Drugs	Chapter 8
Prevention, Education, and Treatment	Chapters 17 and 18

Exam 4 – Tuesday April 25, 12:00 AM – 11:59 PM via Canvas. One-hour time limit.

Note: if you start the exam after 11:00 PM, the exam will terminate at 11:59 PM regardless of how many questions you have answered.

*****Makeup Exam Day – Tuesday May 2, 12:00 AM – 11:59 PM via Canvas. One-hour time limit.****

Note: if you start the exam after 11:00 PM, the exam will terminate at 11:59 PM regardless of how many questions you have answered.

Institutional Information

UTA students are encouraged to review the below institutional policies and informational sections and reach out to the specific office with any questions. To view this institutional information, please visit the [Institutional Information](https://resources.uta.edu/provost/course-related-info/institutional-policies.php) page (<https://resources.uta.edu/provost/course-related-info/institutional-policies.php>) which includes the following policies among others:

- Drop Policy
- Disability Accommodations
- Title IX Policy
- Academic Integrity
- Student Feedback Survey
- Final Exam Schedule

Additional Information

Face Covering Policy

Face coverings are not mandatory, all students and instructional staff are welcome to wear face coverings while they are on campus or in the classroom.

Attendance

At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator of student success. 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. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to verify Federal Student Aid recipients' attendance in courses. UT Arlington instructors should be prepared to report the last date of attendance as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty must report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence of academic engagement such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Canvas. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

Distance education courses require regular and substantive online interaction and participation. Students must participate in online course activities to demonstrate attendance; logging into an online class is not sufficient by itself to demonstrate attendance

Emergency Exit Procedures

Should we experience an emergency event that requires evacuation of the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exits that are located in the rear of the room. When exiting the building during an emergency, do not take an elevator but use the stairwells instead. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Students are encouraged to subscribe to the MavAlert system that will send information in case of an emergency to their cell phones or email accounts. Anyone can subscribe at [Emergency Communication System](#).

Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center (ASC) includes a variety of resources and services to help you maximize your learning and succeed as a student at the University of Texas at Arlington. ASC services include supplemental instruction, peer-led team learning, tutoring, mentoring and TRIO SSS. Academic Success Center services are provided at no additional cost to UTA students. For additional information visit: [Academic Success Center](#). To request disability accommodations for tutoring, please complete this [form](#).

The [IDEAS Center](https://www.uta.edu/ideas/) (https://www.uta.edu/ideas/) (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers **FREE tutoring** and [mentoring](#) to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. Students can drop in or check the schedule of available peer tutors at www.uta.edu/IDEAS, or call (817) 272-6593.

The English Writing Center (411LIBR) offers **FREE** tutoring in 15-, 30-, 45-, and 60-minute face-to-face and online sessions to all UTA students on any phase of their UTA coursework. Register and make appointments online at the [Writing Center](https://uta.mywconline.com) (https://uta.mywconline.com). Classroom visits, workshops, and specialized services for graduate students and faculty are also available. Please see [Writing Center: OWL](#) for detailed information on all our programs and services.

The Library's 2nd floor [Academic Plaza](http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza) (http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza) offers students a central hub of support services, including IDEAS Center, University Advising Services, Transfer UTA and various college/school advising hours. Services are available during the [library's hours](#) of operation.

Librarian to Contact

Each academic unit has access to [Librarians by Academic Subject](#) that can assist students with research projects, tutorials on plagiarism and citation references as well as support with databases and course reserves.

Emergency Phone Numbers

In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381

Library Information

Research or General Library Help

Ask for Help

- [Academic Plaza Consultation Services](http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza) (library.uta.edu/academic-plaza)
- [Ask Us](http://ask.uta.edu/) (ask.uta.edu/)
- [Research Coaches](http://libguides.uta.edu/researchcoach) (http://libguides.uta.edu/researchcoach)

Resources

- [Library Tutorials](http://library.uta.edu/how-to) (library.uta.edu/how-to)
- [Subject and Course Research Guides](http://libguides.uta.edu) (libguides.uta.edu)
- [Librarians by Subject](http://library.uta.edu/subject-librarians) (library.uta.edu/subject-librarians)
- [A to Z List of Library Databases](http://libguides.uta.edu/az.php) (libguides.uta.edu/az.php)
- [Course Reserves](https://uta.summon.serialssolutions.com/#!/course_reserves) (https://uta.summon.serialssolutions.com/#!/course_reserves)
- [Study Room Reservations](http://openroom.uta.edu/) (openroom.uta.edu/)