

505-955 Drugs in Society

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2008. Classroom
Time Commitment:	Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Coordinator:	Turning Point Drug & Alcohol Centre
Subject Overview:	<p><i>(formerly known as Drugs in Society: Public Health Response)</i></p> <p>This subject is an introduction to alcohol and drug use in the context of public health policy, practice and societal responses. Students will gain an understanding of drug use and the role that drugs play for the individual and society. Students will gain an understanding of the history of drug use and policy responses, as well as theories of use and models of dependence. The social implications of drug use and examples of public health responses will also be covered. Students will be able to understand the interdependence of research and policy development as these relate to the effects of drugs upon both the individual and society more widely. The effects of drugs within special populations such as indigenous people and people with mental health problems will be covered. Students will be given a variety of resources to enhance their understanding and practice in this field.</p>
Assessment:	4,000-word assignment due at the end of the semester (100%).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	A reading pack will be provided as required.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Level: 500
Links to further information:	http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au
Notes:	<p>This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health.</p> <p>Subject Coordinator: Mr Kieran Connolly, Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Centre 8413 8704</p>