

## 191-435 Drugs and Justice

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 2 contact hours/week , 6 additional hours/week. Total of 8.5 hours per week.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission to the postgraduate certificate/ diploma or fourth-year honours in criminology, socio-legal studies or sociology, Master of Criminology, Master of Public Policy and Management or Master of Social Policy.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;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.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;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: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject introduces students to a range of historical and contemporary issues surrounding the measurement of drug use and the popular and scientific construction of the health, crime and social consequences of drug use. The subject is concerned with the relationships between various constructions of drug phenomena and the policies and practices of drug control. The subject critically addresses issues and techniques involved in demand-reduction (education and treatment) and supply-reduction (law enforcement). At the completion of the subject, students should be able to recognise and explain contemporary discourses on health, harm, crime and public policy related to drug use.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># understand the broad historical and contemporary patterns of drug use in Australia;</li> <li># demonstrate an awareness of methodological issues in the acquisition of knowledge about drug use and its consequences;</li> <li># identify the broad historical, social and political factors which have influenced drug control policies and practices;</li> <li># recognise and explain contemporary discourses on health, harm, crime and public policy related to drug use.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A take-home test 25% (due mid-semester) and an essay of 4000 words 75% (due at the end of semester).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have highly developed cognitive, analytical and problem-solving skills;</li> <li># have an advanced understanding of complex concepts and the ability to express them lucidly in writing and orally;</li> <li># have sophisticated awareness of cultural, ethnic and gender diversities and their implications;</li> <li># have an ability to plan work and to use time effectively.</li> </ul>
<b>Notes:</b>	<i>Formerly available as 191-435. Students who have completed 191-435 are not permitted to enrol in this subject.</i>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Criminology (CWT) Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework) Master of Social Policy
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	Criminology Criminology Socio-Legal studies Socio-legal Studies