COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: FALL 2026	**COURSE NO: CRIM 240**	
INSTRUCTOR:	**COURSE TITLE: Drugs and Harm Reduction**	
OFFICE: LOCAL: **E-MAIL:** @capilanou.ca	**SECTION NO(S):**	**CREDITS: 3.0**
OFFICE HOURS:		
COURSE WEBSITE:		

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

COURSE FORMAT
Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES
CRIM 101 or CRIM 131

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION
This course examines the social world of drugs people who use, produce, and sell drugs. It looks at how drug policy has developed over time, and the structural effects these policies have on shaping the culture of drug use in Canada today. It explores how changing social conditions shape how we understand addiction, what we know about the effect drugs have on our bodies, and how we think about prevention and harm reduction.

COURSE NOTE
CRIM 240 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES*
Bruno, Tara L. and Rick Csiernik. (2018). *The Drug Paradox: An Introduction to the Sociology of Psychoactive Substances in Canada*. Toronto, ON: Canadian Scholars.

*Sample texts

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Compare different perspectives on drug addiction that structures contemporary and historical discourse about drug use and drug policy.
- Explain how drug addiction and the toxic drug crisis is a socially constructed problem.
- Differentiate different categories of drugs in relation to law and pharmacological effects.
- Identify ways to support different forms of intervention for dealing with the toxic drug crisis.

Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:

- Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies.
- Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society.
- Analyze the impact of colonialism and racism on Indigenous peoples.
- Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change.

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Topic
1	Canada's Conflicting Reactions to People who Use Drugs
2	The History and Politics of Canada's Drug Laws
3	Explaining Substance Use I: Biological and Psychological Theories
4	Explaining Substance Use II: Sociological Theories
5	Drugs as a Socially Constructed Problem
6	Media Representations of Drugs
7	Demographic Correlates of Substance Use in Canada
8	Relational Correlates of Substance Use in Canada: Peers and Families
9	Harm Reduction: Philosophy and Practice
10	Decriminalization, Harm Reduction, and British Columbia
11	Contemporary Legal Responses towards People Who Use, Produce, and Sell Drugs
12	International Drug Policies
13	The Future of Canada's Drug Policies
14-15	**Final Exam Period: Final Exam**

EVALUATION PROFILE

Quizzes	10-20%
Written Assignments	15-35%
Midterm exam	20-30%
Final Exam	25-35%
Total	100%

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades
Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments
Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.
Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed labs or other activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.
*** Accommodations can be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

Attendance
Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

English Usage
Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Electronic Devices
Students may use electronic devices during class for note taking only.

On-line Communication
Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS

Tools for Success
Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/

Capilano University Security: download the CapU Safe Alert App

Policy Statement (S2009-06)
Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information:
https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

> Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence Procedure (found on Policy page https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.