

Minnesota State University Moorhead

HIST 420: History of Drugs

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

This class surveys the history of drugs, broadly understood as any non-food substance that causes a temporary physical and/or psychological change in the consumer's body. This class focuses on the moral, legal, social, political, cultural, and economic history of several different substances (tobacco, chocolate, marijuana, alcohol, cocaine, opium, and steroids, among others) throughout history. MnTC Goal 5 and 9.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 09/03/2018 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Become familiar with the history of drugs.
2. Develop skills as a historian by analyzing primary documents, interrogating bias, and tracing change over time.
3. Write effective academic papers, with arguments and primary and secondary source evidence.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

1. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
2. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
3. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted