BIOL 272

Course Title: HUMAN DRUG USE

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Course Description:

Objectives:
- To provide essential information about drugs to assist the individual to evaluate drug using attitudes, behaviors, patterns, effects and consequences
- To address individual and societal accountability in decision making on the proper place of drugs within one’s multiple roles and responsibilities as a member of a family, faith, community, vocation and/or culture

Content:
Physiological, psychological, and sociological causes and effects of the use of legal and illegal addictive substances and process addictions, and related behaviors, the history of their development and control, their patterns and the reactions to their existence by the scientific and social community, and current approaches and outcomes to addictions education, prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery and relapse.

Prerequisites/Recommended Background:
- Open to all levels. This course is an elective for the non-majors. It is designed to fulfill the science requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

Required Texts/References:
One required; additional two to be selected by student from list provided by Professor. (Not available in LMU Bookstore; may be available in LMU library).
Other historical and contemporary readings, dramatic presentations, audio and video materials as assigned and/or presented in class.

Course Work/Expectations:
- Essay and objective Midterm and Final (both cumulative); pop quizzes
- Written project and/or professional presentation related to a site visit personally initiated from preapproved list
- Attention to accuracy in written work and oral expression
- Other readings and writings as assigned, which may include a journal
- Attendance, participation, and the demonstration of critical thinking skills

Comments:
Must be able to use the Syllabus as the course policy manual