



SYLLABUS TEMPLATE

Course Number Course Name	PSY 141 Psychology of Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Credit Value (Breakdown of theory and lab credits)	3 Theory
Catalog Course Description	The physiological and behavioral effects of alcohol and other drugs will be examined. Emphasis is placed on the psychopharmacology of commonly abused substances, the disease concepts of chemical dependency, and on current research. Prerequisite: ENG 111 (3, 3T+0S)
Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives /Competencies of the Course	Upon completion of the course students should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present a classification of drugs that includes the type, effect, legal status, and addiction potential. 2. Explain how drugs affect the brain and behaviors in humans. 3. Distinguish between licit and illicit drugs. 4. Explain which drugs have high potential for dependency. 5. Define dependency and understand the process of how individuals develop drug dependencies. 6. Explain principles of prevention and treatment of drug dependencies. 7. Explain how some people may have a predisposition to become or not become drug dependent. 8. Explain how the research methods in psychopharmacology inform current methods of treatment.
College-Wide Student Learning Outcomes	The following college-wide objectives will be addressed in the course through passing an essay examination with at least 75% asking the questions 1-8 above, this assignment will be used to measure the outcome of: <i>Communication and Information Literacy</i> .