Drug Policy: Cross Cultural Perspectives and Evaluation
Masters Degree Program
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This course will examine the social culture of reality and its relation to the drug services policy as well as the organization and provision of drug treatment services. Key substances including tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, heroin and cocaine will be examined in the context of prevailing problems and policy.

Reading List:

  Chapters 1-4, pp. 1-154)

  Introduction (1-8)
  Chapter 1 – Social Context of Reality: Substance Use in the Middle East (11-24)
  Chapter 3 – People in Transition (Bedouin, Russian speaking immigrants, Palestinians, Israeli Arabs and others (41-134)

  Chapter 1 – Drug Use and Abuse: Definitions (1-24)
  Chapter 2 – Theoretical Considerations and Risk Factors (25-48)
  Chapter 3 – Heroin (49-86)
  Chapter 4 – Alcohol & Alcoholism (87-96)
  Chapter 5 – Cocaine & Crack Cocaine (107-130)
  Chapter 6 – Marijuana (131-149)

Student selection: This is an elective course that will be presented in English. Students should have a background including prior coursework in substance abuse.

Grading: Students will be graded on specific reference criteria discussed in class.