

## COURSE DETAIL

### DRUG USE AND ADDICTION

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Bristol

**Program(s)**

University of Bristol

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Psychology

**UCEAP Course Number**

162

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

DRUG USE AND ADDICTION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

DRUG USE&ADDICTION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

This course provides a comprehensive overview of drug use and the problem of addiction. It provides a framework for further independent study of the key issues and current research. The course helps students to understand the process of addiction from initiation of drug use through to treatment of addiction and relapse. It addresses psychological, biological, and social factors that influence this process and explore how and why individuals differ in their propensity to take drugs and develop addiction. The course introduces current theories of addiction and approaches to treatment, including current research and theory on behavior change. The pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profiles of different classes of drugs of abuse are considered in order to understand how and why patterns of drug use differ and why drugs have different abuse liabilities and associated harms. The course also presents and discusses several critical issues in drug use and addiction, including drug-related policy (such as drug legalization and harms classification) and social stigma. Students develop a deeper understanding of the complexity of drug use and addiction from both a biological and social perspective, and the challenges of developing effective treatment strategies.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PSYC30020

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### Host Institution Campus

Bristol

### Host Institution Faculty

Life Sciences

### Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

Psychological Science

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