

COURSE DETAIL

DRUGS THAT SHAPE SOCIETY

Country

Australia

Host Institution

University of Melbourne

Program(s)

University of Melbourne

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

DRUGS THAT SHAPE SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

DRUGS:SHAPE SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers a compelling story of drugs that provides insight to us as individuals and as a society. Drugs impact our lives in many different ways. Social responses to their use have shaped our laws, the health system, commerce – even foreign policies. In Australia the use of therapeutic drugs is carefully regulated to maintain cost and safety, some recreational drugs are taxed heavily to provide government income, while others are banned and huge costs are incurred attempting to prevent their use. Other countries have a different blend of risk, responsibility and regulation. Using a case-study approach, the course explores the scientific, social, historical and legal issues associated with alcohol, opiates, tobacco, penicillin and thalidomide.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

UNIB20008

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DRUGS THAT SHAPE SOCIETY

Host Institution Campus

Parkville

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Pharmacology

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