

COURSE DETAIL

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ADDICTION

Country

Australia

Host Institution

University of New South Wales

Program(s)

University of New South Wales

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology

UCEAP Course Number

14

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ADDICTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

PSYCH OF ADDICTION

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines transdisciplinary issues pertinent to the understanding and treatment of drug addiction. Topics include historic origins of drugs; manufacture, global distribution, and black market economics; epidemiology of population uptake; biomedical harms; neuropharmacological actions; effects on learning, motivation, cognition, and behaviour; psychiatric comorbidity; individual differences in vulnerability; brain mechanisms of reward and impaired cognitive control; treatment by behavioural interventions and pharmacotherapy; prevention by education; prohibition by criminal justice; and the role of scientific evidence in government policy. This course also provides a broad understanding of drug use and the systems in place to counteract it.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PSYC1022

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

New South Wales

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Psychology

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