

# 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

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ADDICTION

## Host Institution Campus

New South Wales

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Psychology

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