

## LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

### **TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):**

Please check with the LCC bookstore, <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore>, for the required texts for this class.

<b><u>COURSE NUMBER:</u></b>	CRIM 118
<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	DRUGS IN SOCIETY
<b><u>SEMESTER CREDIT HOUR:</u></b>	3
<b><u>DEPARTMENT:</u></b>	Criminal Justice
<b><u>DIVISION:</u></b>	General Education
<b><u>PREREQUISITE:</u></b>	None

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Why do people take drugs? What is the impact of drugs and addiction to society? How does society attempt to control drug use and distribution? What are the relationships between drugs and crime? Exploring questions such as these will be the central focus on this class. We will look deep into the history of drugs, the nature of the drug crisis, current trends, legalization of drugs, impact on society, etc.

### **COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:**

**Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:**

1. Comprehend and explain the nature of the drug problem and its impact to individual users and society.

- Learn the social and individual consequences of drug abuse
- Understand the reasons why people use drugs
- Realize the extent of the drug abuse problem in the United States
- Consider the various theories and explanations of drug abuse

2. Demonstrate the understanding of drug abuse through defining drug categories, the economics of drug trafficking both domestic and foreign, and drug production.

- Be able to state and explain the drug categories
- Discuss the economics of drug trafficking by financing, demand, and drug prices.
- Discover and understand the global magnitude of the world's drug problem

- Explain the role that the legitimate drug industry plays in the nation's drug abuse problem

3. Comprehend the impact drug use has on predatory and violent crimes and how organized crime uses the drug trade for revenue.

- Understand the relationship between various types of crime and drug use
- Comprehend the extent of the police corruption problem as it pertains to drug trafficking
- Define the term organized crime
- Identify and explain criminal drug trafficking organizations
- Understand the role of Colombian and Mexican drug trafficking
- Understand the links between drug trafficking and terrorism

4. Understand methods, policies, and laws used to control the drug crisis.

- List some of the different drug law categories
- Discover contemporary policy options in drug control
- Explain issues surrounding drug-testing policies
- Compare pros and cons of the drug legalization debate
- Learn why legalization has not worked in other countries