

CCJS 418P: MARIJUANA, LAW, & SOCIETY
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SECTION 0101

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Course Description:

The laws concerning the medical use and legalization of cannabis are changing rapidly. This class attempts to analyze of the role of criminology and criminal justice in the understanding and control of cannabis use and abuse.

Prerequisite: You MUST have already completed CCJS 100 and CCJS 105 to enroll in CCJS 418P.

Required Textbooks:

Chapkis, Wendy & Webb, Richard. 2008. Dying to Get High: Marijuana as Medicine, New York University Press. (ISBN: 978-0-8147-1666-3). Abbreviated **DTGH**.

Caulkins, Jonathan P., Kilmer, Beau, and Kleiman, Mark A. R. 2016. Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know. 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, New York, NY. (978-0-19-026240-2). Abbreviated **ML**.

The class syllabus, individual readings, and any other supplementary files that will be used for this course are on our ELMS space under 'Files'.

Course Grading:

Your grade will be based upon 3 exams and a final exam (each worth 20%), and a semester research project (20%). We will discuss the research project in class.

The exams will cover material from the lectures and assigned readings. Exams are not cumulative. I have a very strict policy concerning makeup exams. Exams must be taken on the assigned day unless you have presented a valid, written excuse before the exam and made arrangements to take a makeup exam. Health center notes are not valid excuses! Dr. Lehman reserves the right to change the format of the makeup exam if he so wishes.

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty in any form will absolutely not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty encompasses behaviors such as plagiarism, cheating on exams and

assignments, giving false statements, etc. All students are required to sign the Honor Pledge on each exam.

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Disability Support

I will make every effort to accommodate students who are registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) office and who provide me with a University of Maryland DSS Accommodation form. This form must be presented to me no later than September 15th. I am not able to accommodate students who are not registered with DSS or who do not provide me with documentation that has been reviewed by DSS by September 15th. DSS students who are requesting to take their exams at the DSS Center need to provide me with a testing form for each exam that must be turned in to me no later than 1 week prior to each exam. The student is expected to take the exam at the same time as the rest of the class.

Answers to other course related questions and policies may be found at the web site:

<http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>.

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There will be no curve-final grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

A+	= 97.00% - 100%	A	= 93.00% - 96.99%	A-	= 90.00% - 92.99%
B+	= 87.00% - 89.99%	B	= 83.00% - 86.99%	B-	= 80.00% - 82.99%
C+	= 77.00% - 79.99%	C	= 73.00% - 76.99%	C-	= 70.00% - 72.99%
D+	= 67.00% - 69.99%	D	= 63.00% - 66.99%	D-	= 60.00% - 62.99%
		F	= <60.00		

Week & Dates	Topics, Exams, Dates	Readings
Week 1 August 31 & September 2	Introduction to CCJS 418P Subjective Effects, Early/Ancient History, Botany of Cannabis	Review Syllabus Weil, Zinberg, & Nelsen reading
Week 2 September 7 & September 9	Overview of Cannabis Laws in the U.S., How Stringent is Enforcement? Arrest Statistics & Racism; Collateral Consequences	ML Ch. 6
Week 3 September 14 & September 16	The War on Drugs, Procedural Fairness and Racial Equality The Drug Menace in Racial Relief Exam Review	Provine reading
Week 4 September 21 September 23	Exam 1 Introduction to Medical Cannabis	Weil, Zinberg, & Nelsen reading, ML Ch. 6, Provine reading ML Ch. 5 & 13
Week 5 September 28 & September 30	A Medical Cannabis Case Study	DTGH
Week 6 October 5 & October 7	A Medical Cannabis Case Study Exam Review	DTGH
Week 7 October 12 October 14	Exam 2 Patients Out of Time & Medical Cannabis in the U.S.	ML Ch. 5 & 13, DTGH Foreman reading
Week 8 October 19 & October 21	Evergreen: The Road to Legalization (1 st half) Evergreen: The Road to Legalization (2 nd half)	

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Week 9 October 26 & October 28	International Cannabis Policy Where Are We, and How Did We Get Here?	ML Ch. 15 ML Ch. 12
Week 10 November 2 November 4	Exam 3 Decriminalization, Depenalization, Legalization	Foreman reading, Evergreen: The Road to Legalization, ML Ch. 15, ML Ch. 12 ML Chs. 7 & 8
Week 11 November 9 & November 11	Decriminalization, Depenalization, Legalization	ML Chs. 7 & 8
Week 12 November 16 & November 18	Legalization and Cost-Benefit Issues	
Week 13 November 23 & November 25	Treat Cannabis like Alcohol? No Classes Happy Thanksgiving	ML Chs. 9 & 10
Week 14 November 30 & December 2	Risks of Use, Harm Reduction	Caulkins reading
Week 15 December 7 & December 9	The Future of Medical & Legal Cannabis Research Project due December 7 Exam Review	ML Ch. 17
Final Exam: Saturday, December 18	Final Exam 10:30am - 12:30pm	ML Chs. 7 & 8, Chs. 9 & 10, Caulkins reading ML Ch. 17,