

CCJS 418P: MARIJUANA, LAW, & SOCIETY
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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 Book:

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 (each worth 20%), 10 of pop-quizzes (each worth 2%), a semester research project (17%), and discussion with Dr. Lehman concerning the semester research project (3%). We will discuss the guidelines for 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>.

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	Readings
Week 1 August 27 August 29	Introduction to CCJS 418P Subjective Effects, Early/Ancient History, Botany of Cannabis	Review Syllabus Week 1 Readings
Week 2 September 3 September 5	Overview of Cannabis Laws in the U.S., How Stringent is Enforcement? Arrest Statistics & Racism; Collateral Consequences	ML Ch. 6
Week 3 September 10 September 12	The War on Drugs, Procedural Fairness and Racial Equality The Drug Menace in Racial Relief	Provine reading
Week 4 September 17 September 19	Introduction to Medical Cannabis A Cannabis MD Evaluates Cannabis	ML Ch. 5 & 13 Seeing Through the Smoke Chapters 1 & 2
Week 5 September 24 September 26	A Cannabis MD Evaluates Cannabis Exam Review Exam 1	Seeing Through the Smoke Chapters 3 & 4 All chapters and readings
Week 6 October 1 October 3	Case Study: Washington State Introduction and "Before the Grand Opening" Case Study Film: 'Evergreen: The Road to Legalization' (1 st half)	"Before the Grand Opening" reading
Week 7 October 8 October 10	Case Study Film: 'Evergreen: The Road to Legalization' (2 nd half) Case Study: Washington State "After the Grand Opening"	"After the Grand Opening" reading
Week 8 October 15 October 17	Case Study: Washington State "Cannabis Legalization in Washington" International Cannabis Policy	"Cannabis legalization in Washington" reading ML Ch. 15

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Week 9 October 22 October 24	Film: The Cannabis Question Introduction to Green Criminology: Dan Rather Film Exam Review	All chapters & readings since Exam 1, Film
Week 10 October 29 October 31	Exam 2 Where Are We, and How Did We Get Here?	All chapters & readings since Exam 1, Films ML Ch. 12
Week 11 November 5 November 7	Pros and Cons of Legalization Generally No class—Dr. Lehman at a conference.	ML Ch. 7
Week 12 November 12 November 14	How is Legalization of Marijuana Different? Treat Cannabis like Alcohol?	ML Ch. 8 ML Ch. 9
Week 13 November 19 November 21	Legalization and Cost-Benefit Issues Legalization and Cost-Benefit Issues	
Week 14 November 26 November 28	Risks of Use, Harm Reduction Research Project due November 27 by 5pm No Classes: Happy Thanksgiving	Caulkins reading
Week 15 December 3 December 5	Risks of Use, Harm Reduction The Future of Cannabis Exam Review, Course Evaluation	Caulkins reading ML Ch. 17
Final Exam: Saturday, December 14	Final Exam 10:30am - 12:30pm	ML Chs. 12, 7, 8, 9, Caulkins reading, 17