

CCJS 418P: MARIJUANA, LAW, & SOCIETY  
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SECTION 0101 Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00pm-3:15pm

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Course Description:

The laws concerning the medical use and legalization of cannabis are changing rapidly. This class attempts to analysis 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 Books:

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., Kilmer, Beau., and Kleiman, Mark. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2016. Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know, Oxford University Press. (ISBN: 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 Canvas 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%).

The exams will cover material from the lectures, class discussions, and assigned readings from the textbooks. Approximately 2/3 of the exam questions come from lecture and class discussions and the remaining 1/3 come from the core text books. 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! Under no circumstances will oversleeping, car trouble, or undocumented health problems be grounds for a makeup. 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.

## New Attendance Policy

Under this new policy, instructors are expected to accept as an excused absence a self-signed note from a student who has missed a single lecture, recitation, or laboratory, attesting to the date of the illness. This note must also contain an acknowledgement by the student that the information is true and correct and that providing false information is prohibited under the Code of Student Conduct. The student is also obligated to make a reasonable attempt to inform the instructor of his/her illness in advance. A student is allowed only ONE self-signed note per class for the semester. Please note that this situation does NOT apply to Scheduled Graded Events such as exams.

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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 February 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. DSS students who are requesting to take their exams at the DSS Center need to make sure they register with DSS so that they can notify me through email me that the student will be taking the exam there. The student is expected to take the exam at the same time as the rest of the class unless other arrangements need be made.

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

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|----|-------------------|---|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 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%         |    |                   |

Room for doodling or your notes.

| Week   | Date(s)     | Topics, Exams  | Book Chapter(s) & Readings   |
|--------|-------------|--|--|
| Week 1 | January 25  | Introduction to CCJS 418P  | Review Syllabus  |
|        | January 27  | Subjective Effects, Early/Ancient History, Botany of Cannabis        | Weil, Zinberg, & Nelsen reading  |
| Week 2 | February 1  | Overview of Cannabis Laws in the U.S., How Stringent is Enforcement? | <b>ML</b> Ch. 6  |
|        | February 3  | Arrest Statistics & Racism; Collateral Consequences                  |  |
| Week 3 | February 8  | The War on Drugs and Procedural Fairness and Racial Equality         | Provine reading  |
|        | February 10 | The Drug Menace in Racial Relief                                     |  |
| Week 4 | February 15 | Introduction to Medical Cannabis Exam Review                         | <b>ML</b> Ch. 5 & 13<br><br>Weil, Zinberg, & Nelsen, <b>ML</b> Ch. 6, Provine, <b>ML</b> Ch. 5, 13 |
|        | February 17 | <b>Exam 1</b>  |  |
| Week 5 | February 22 | A Medical Cannabis Case Study  | <b>DTGH</b> Chs. 1 & 2   |
|        | February 24 | A Medical Cannabis Case Study  |  |
| Week 6 | March 1     | A Medical Cannabis Case Study  | <b>DTGH</b> Chs. 5 & 6<br><br><b>DTGH</b> Chs. 7 & 8   |
|        | March 3     | A Medical Cannabis Case Study  |  |
| Week 7 | March 8     | Patients Out Of Time & Medical Cannabis in the U.S.                  |  |
|        | March 10    | Patients Out Of Time & Medical Cannabis in the U.S.                  |  |
| Week 8 | March 15    | Medical Cannabis in the U.S. Exam review                             | Foreman reading<br><br><b>DTGH</b> Chs. 1-8, Foreman reading                                       |
|        | March 17    | <b>Exam 2</b>  |  |

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| Week 9             | March 22<br>March 24  | Spring Break-No Classes-Have Fun!  |   |
| Week 10            | March 29<br>March 31  | Where Are We, and How Did We Get Here?<br>International Cannabis Policy  | <b>ML</b> Ch. 12<br><b>ML</b> Ch. 15                |
| Week 11            | April 5<br>April 7    | Evergreen: The Road to Legalization (1 <sup>st</sup> half)<br>Evergreen: The Road to Legalization (2 <sup>nd</sup> half) |   |
| Week 12            | April 12<br>April 14  | Decriminalization, Depenalization, Legalization<br>Decriminalization, Depenalization, Legalization                       | <b>ML</b> Ch. 7<br><b>ML</b> Ch. 8                  |
| Week 13            | April 19<br>April 21  | Treat Cannabis like Alcohol?<br>Alcohol Style Legalization   | <b>ML</b> Ch. 9<br><b>ML</b> Ch. 10                 |
| Week 14            | April 26<br>April 28  | Legalization and Cost-Benefit Issues<br>Legalization and Cost-Benefit Issues   |   |
| Week 15            | May 3<br>May 4        | Risks of Use, Harm Reduction<br>Risks of Use, Harm Reduction<br><b>Research Project due Friday, 5/5 by 5pm</b>           | Caulkins reading<br>Caulkins reading                |
| Week 16            | May 10 (Tuesday)      | The Future of Medical & Legal Cannabis<br>Exam Review  | <b>ML</b> Ch. 17                                    |
| <b>Final Exam:</b> | <b>Monday, May 16</b> | <b>Final Exam 10:30am-12:30pm</b>  | <b>ML</b> Ch. 12, 15, 7, 8, 9, 10, Caulkins reading |