



HLTH12030 *Drugs in Society*

Term 1 - 2019

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General Information

Overview

Psychoactive drug use in our society challenges all of us. This unit analyses individual and societal attitudes to psychoactive drug use by exploring the history of its use, drug policy, public health responses and current media issues. It examines why people use psychoactive drugs and the harms associated with drug use in some people in some circumstances and what can be done to minimise that harm.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2019

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes - in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 60%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Students through feedback

Feedback

The forum post topics were sometimes hard to incorporate into assessments 1 and 2. Perhaps there could be multiple questions asked every week instead of one and students can decide what questions they want to respond to.

Recommendation

Add more than one question to the weekly discussion forum to provide more options to students.

Feedback from Students through feedback

Feedback

Some of the links in the study guide did not work or referred students to the older version of text book which was confusing.

Recommendation

Check all links for study guide and ensure all old text book references are updated to the new version.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyse individual and societal attitudes to psychoactive drug use, exploring historical, political, public health and media responses
2. Examine why people use psychoactive drugs and identify the harms associated with drug use for some people in some circumstances
3. Evaluate strategies to minimise the harm that may be associated with psychoactive drug use

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

| Assessment Tasks | Learning Outcomes | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 40% | • | | |
| 2 - Written Assessment - 60% | | • | • |

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

| Graduate Attributes | Learning Outcomes | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 - Communication | • | • | • |

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

HLTH12030

Prescribed

Drug Use in Australian Society

Edition: Second (2017)

Authors: Ritter, King and Lee

Oxford University Press

Sydney , NSW , Australia

ISBN: 9780190306458

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

Both the hard copy and eBook can be purchased from the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing styles below:

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 11 Mar 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---------------|---------|---|
| Introduction. | | Read the unit profile. Ensure you understand assessment details. Introduce yourself to others on the 'General Discussion' forum. Watch and read content for Week 1. You may wish to post a posting on the discussion forum for this week. Remember it is compulsory for you to show evidence of participation on the Discussion forum in your portfolios. |

Week 2 - 18 Mar 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|--|
| The Context of Drug Use. | | Check or participate on Discussion Forum. Watch and read content for Week 2. |
| Week 3 - 25 Mar 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Why do people use drugs? | | Begin draft for Assessment 1 and continue to research. Watch and read content for Week 3. Check or participate on Discussion Forum. |
| Week 4 - 01 Apr 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Why do people use drugs (contd.)? | | Continue to work on first draft of Assessment 1 portfolio. Watch and read content for Week 4. Check or participate in Discussion Forum |
| Week 5 - 08 Apr 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Recreational drugs and their effects. | | Continue to work on Assessment 1. Watch and read content for Week 5. Check or participate in Discussion forum. |
| Vacation Week - 15 Apr 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Week 6 - 22 Apr 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Concepts of dependence. | | Polish and proofread Assessment 1. Check or participate in the Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 6. Submit Assessment 1 (Monday 22nd April 2019). Learning Portfolio 1 Due: Week 6 Monday (22 Apr 2019) 11:45 pm AEST |
| Week 7 - 29 Apr 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Drug use in special groups. | | Check or participate in the Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 7. |
| Week 8 - 06 May 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Drug use in special groups (continued). | | Begin research for Assessment 2. Check or participate in Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 8. |
| Week 9 - 13 May 2019 | | |
| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
| Societal responses to drug use. | | Continue research for Assessment 2. Check or participate in Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 9. |

Week 10 - 20 May 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|----------------------------|---------|--|
| Interventions in drug use. | | Write draft of Assessment 2. Check or participate in the Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 10. |

Week 11 - 27 May 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|--|---------|--|
| Interventions in drug use (continued). | | Continue draft of Assessment 2, polish and proof-read. Check or participate in Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 11. |

Week 12 - 03 Jun 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|-------------------|---------|---|
| Review and Recap. | | Check or participate in the Discussion forum. Watch and read content for Week 12. |

Review/Exam Week - 10 Jun 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| | | Submit assessment 2 (Monday 10th June 2019). Learning Portfolio 2 Due: Review/Exam Week Monday (10 June 2019) 11:45 pm AEST |

Exam Week - 17 Jun 2019

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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Term Specific Information

Assessment Tasks

1 Learning Portfolio 1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Learning Portfolio 1 is designed for you to provide evidence of your learning in relation to Learning Outcome 1.

Task description: Complete a Learning Portfolio in TWO parts in relation to Learning Outcome 1.

Word count - 2000 - 2500

Part 1

Analyse societal attitudes to psychoactive drug use, exploring historical and/or political, and/or public health and/or media responses.

You may like to include any of the following types of evidence in your portfolio:

- A 2019 article from a newspaper, magazine or the internet;
- An advertisement for a recreational drug (you are most likely to find one advertising alcohol);
- A television program, movie or Youtube clip;
- An analysis of the influence of community attitudes on the development of legislation and policy in relation to drug use;
- An analysis of the history of recreational drug use and the impact of this on contemporary societal attitudes.

Part Two

Analyse your own individual attitudes to recreational drug use.

You may like to include any of the following types of evidence in your portfolio (NB: These are ideas to guide you and are not compulsory):

- Your own past history in relation to recreational drug use and a reflection on this history;
- A comparison of your own attitudes to drug use with societal attitudes and a reflection on why differences or similarities are present;
- A reflection on the changes (or lack of change) occurring as a result of undertaking study (either generally or specifically in this course);
- A reflection of a past interaction with a drug user or a situation involving drug use that had a significant impact on your attitudes to drug use.

NOTE

Examples of learning portfolios from previous years and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about portfolios will be available on Moodle to guide you in the preparation of this assessment.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Monday (22 Apr 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Two weeks after submission.

Weighting

40%

Minimum mark or grade

Students must achieve a minimum of 45% for this assessment to be able to pass this unit or be eligible for a supplementary assessment.

Assessment Criteria

Students will be allocated marks based on the following criteria (further details on the Moodle site).

Structure (15%)

Introduction

Conclusion

Presentation

Evidence of learning (65%)

Evidence of learning demonstrated through high-level analysis of content relating to learning outcome.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through relevant & discerning synthesis with literature & other appropriate evidence.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through high levels of understanding of contemporary drug use issues including ethical debates &/or legislation &/or harm

minimisation policies &/or societal attitudes.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through high levels of reflection on individual attitudes.

Referencing & integration of evidence (20%)

Evidence of research & appropriate integration of evidence demonstrated.

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Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse individual and societal attitudes to psychoactive drug use, exploring historical, political, public health and media responses

Graduate Attributes

- Communication

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Learning Portfolio 2

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Learning Portfolio 2 - Word count 2500 - 3000 words

Provide evidence of your learning in relation to **Learning Outcomes 2 and 3**.

Part One

Examine why people use psychoactive drugs and identify the harms associated with drug use for some people in some circumstances.

To address this learning outcome you may wish to examine a particular group. Groups that you may find interesting to study could include one of the following:

- Injecting drug users
- Prisoners
- Women
- Teenagers
- Men
- Indigenous Australians
- Consumers with a mental illness
- The elderly
- Health professionals
- Amphetamine users
- Party drug users
- Gay and/or lesbian groups
- Truck drivers

(Note for the purpose of providing evidence, you will find it more effective to focus on ONE group only).

You may like to include any of the following in your submission:

- An analysis of the literature on your chosen group.
- An interview with a drug user from your chosen group (*if you choose to include this, please discuss suitability with the unit coordinator first*). You will need to compare your interviewee's responses with relevant literature.
- An interview with an agency that deals with your chosen group (you will need to compare your interviewee's responses with relevant literature)

Part Two

Evaluate strategies to minimise the harm that may be associated with psychoactive drug use in a particular group.

You may like to undertake one of the following for your submission:

- Evaluation of a current harm minimisation strategy. Evaluate how closely the strategy meets the principles of harm minimisation and its effectiveness in preventing harm for your chosen group.
- A historical analysis of harm minimisation policies including an evaluation of the benefits of harm minimisation over this period of time and the challenges it has brought to the community.
- Evaluation of a current intervention strategy (e.g. methadone program). Evaluate how closely it meets the principles of harm minimisation and its effectiveness in preventing harm.
- Choose a treatment agency and explore their approaches. Evaluate how closely it meets the principles of harm minimisation and its effectiveness in preventing harm.

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Monday (10 June 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Two weeks after submission

Weighting

60%

Minimum mark or grade

Students must achieve a minimum of 45% for this assessment to be able to pass this unit or be eligible for a supplementary assessment.

Assessment Criteria

Students will be allocated marks based on the following criteria (further details on the Moodle site).

Structure (15%)

Introduction

Conclusion

Presentation

Evidence of learning (65%)

Evidence of learning demonstrated through extensive & high-level analysis of content relating to learning outcome.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through relevant & discerning synthesis with literature & other appropriate evidence.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through high levels of understanding of contemporary drug use issues including ethical debates &/or legislation &/or harm

minimisation policies &/or societal attitudes.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through a high level of understanding of harms and issues associated with the chosen group.

Evidence of learning demonstrated through highly effective evaluation of an appropriate strategy.

Referencing & integration of evidence (20%)

Evidence of research & appropriate integration of evidence demonstrated through consistent high-level research from diverse contemporary literature & other relevant sources.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Examine why people use psychoactive drugs and identify the harms associated with drug use for some people in some circumstances
- Evaluate strategies to minimise the harm that may be associated with psychoactive drug use

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem