PSY369: Drugs and Behavior

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: PSY101
Exploration Area: None
Major/Minor Requirements: 300-level focus course for PSY major, 300-level course for PSY minor
This course is an introduction to the study of drug use, misuse, abuse and dependence. The focus will be on both the medicinal and recreational uses of various classes of both licit and illicit drugs. Topics will range from the history of drug use to the neurochemical actions of drugs to the consequences of their use for society.

SOC250A: Social Problems

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: None
Exploration Area: Social Sciences
Major/Minor Requirements: Sociology elective for major and minor
This course offers students an introduction to sociology and the critical analysis of current social problems in the United States, including their causes and effects. Specifically, we will learn to understand social problems using a social constructivist perspective with special attention to the ways in which race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality and ability intersect with larger social systems (media, schooling, welfare, health care, etc.) to produce and maintain positions of privilege and oppression. Stated more clearly, Contemporary Social Problems will address the ways that broader social contexts influence “individual” experiences.