Drug Abuse Education
PH 467 and PH 467G
(Spring 2009)

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Purpose of Course: To provide students with an understanding of drug consumption in the USA and how it relates to health status. Implications and applications for Drug Education will be reviewed.

Prerequisites: None

Course Format: Lecture and Small Group Discussion

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend all classes unless otherwise approved by the instructor

Course Outline:

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Exam 2 (April 21)

Alcohol Chapter 9

Marijuana Chapter 15

Drug Education Chapter 17

A Perspective of Drugs in America

Student Presentations

Exam 3 (Finals Week) (Comprehensive)

Grade Determination:

Exams In class exams on class lectures and required readings (each exam is 25% of the final grade)

Research Paper A 10-page typed paper on a drug related topic. Reference citations from Wikipedia are NOT acceptable. Each student will orally present their paper to the class (Paper Due: April 28; class presentation: Last 2 weeks of class). (25% of Final Grade)