



North Central State College

MASTER SYLLABUS

2025-2026

- A. Academic Division: Engineering Technology, Business & Criminal Justice Division
- B. Discipline: Criminal Justice
- C. Course Number and Title: CRMJ2050 Drug Recognition
- D. Assistant Dean: Brooke Miller, M.B.A.
- E. Credit Hours: 3
- F. Prerequisites: None
- G. Last Course/Curriculum Revision Date: Fall 2025 Origin date: 09/23/2011
- H. Textbook(s) Title:
Drugs, Behavior and Modern Society
 - Author: Levinthal
 - Copyright Year: 2023
 - Edition: 9th (Revel Access Code)
 - ISBN #: 9780135385913
- I. Workbook(s) and/or Lab Manual: None
- J. Course Description: This course studies the social and physical implications of legal and illegal drugs and substances. Drug and substance usage and its psychological and physiological impacts are also discussed for each of the various categories of substances that are seen in society today.
- K. College-Wide Learning Outcomes

College-Wide Learning Outcomes	Assessments - - How it is met & When it is met
Communication – Written	
Communication – Speech	
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence	
Critical Thinking	
Information Literacy	
Quantitative Literacy	

L. Course Outcomes and Assessment Methods:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall: (any or all assessments can be conducted unless otherwise stated within the specific outcome.)

Outcomes	Assessments – How it is met & When it is met
1. Illustrate the sociological, psychological factors influencing drug misuse and abuse.	Exercises, Worksheets, Discussions- Weeks 1,2, Exam- Weeks 6,7
2. Analyze how drugs enter and influence the body	Exercises- Week 3,4 Exam- Weeks 6,7
3. Examine the more commonly known drugs.	Exercises, Discussions- Weekly during weeks 4 through 11, Exam-Weeks 15,16
4. Categorize drugs by their pharmacology, neuropsychological and federal drug schedule	Exercises, Discussions- Weekly during weeks 4 through 11, Exam -Weeks 15,16
5. Analyze current drug trends in the United States	Exercises- Weekly during Weeks 4 through 11, Exam- Weeks 15,16
6. Understand the impact on health, economics, and safety of over-the-counter and prescription drugs in the U.S.	Exercises- Weeks 12,13 Exam- Weeks 15,16
7. Illustrate the common traits of an alcohol-substance abuser.	Exercises- Weeks 8,9 Exam- Weeks 15,16
8. Illustrate the concepts of several multi-modality treatment programs currently in use in U.S. today.	Exercises, Scenario Problem -Week 14,15

M. Recommended Grading Scale:

NUMERIC	GRADE	POINTS	DEFINITION
93–100	A	4.00	Superior
90–92	A-	3.67	Superior
87–89	B+	3.33	Above Average
83–86	B	3.00	Above Average
80–82	B-	2.67	Above Average
77–79	C+	2.33	Average
73–76	C	2.00	Average
70–72	C-	1.67	Below Average
67–69	D+	1.33	Below Average
63–66	D	1.00	Below Average
60–62	D-	0.67	Poor
00–59	F	0.00	Failure

N. College Procedures/Policies:

North Central State College believes that every student is a valued and equal member of the community.* Every student brings different experiences to the College, and all are important in enriching academic life and developing greater understanding and appreciation of one another. Therefore, NC State College creates an inclusive culture in which students feel comfortable sharing their experiences.

Discrimination and prejudice have no place on the campus, and the College takes any complaint in this regard seriously. Students encountering aspects of the instruction that result in barriers to their sense of being included and respected should contact the instructor, assistant dean, or dean without fear of reprisal.

* *Inclusive of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin (ancestry), military status (past, present or future), disability, age (40 years or older), status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent, genetic information, or sexual orientation*

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<https://ncstatecollege.edu/documents/President/PoliciesProcedures/PolicyManual/Final%20PDF/14-081b.pdf>



North Central State College
SYLLABUS ADDENDUM

Academic Division: Engineering Business, Technology & Criminal Justice **Discipline:** Criminal Justice
Course Coordinator: David Koepke
Course Number: CRMJ 2050-920 **Course Title:** Drug Recognition
Semester / Session: Fall 2025 Session B **Start / End Date:** 10/13/2025- 12/12/2025

Instructor Information

Name: David Koepke **Phone Number:** 419-755-4839
E-Mail Address: dkoepke@ncstatecollege.edu
Office Location: 064 Kehoe **Student Hours:** Tue& Thur. 10am-noon – 3:00-4:45pm or zoom

I. Topical Timeline (Subject to Change):

Drug Use in Society	Week One
Drug Taking Behavior	Week One
Drugs in the Body	Week One
Stimulants	Week Two
Depressants and Narcotics	Week Two
Hallucinogens	Week Three
Marijuana	Week Three
Alcohol	Week Four
Nicotine	Week Four
Caffeine	Week Five
Anabolic drugs	Week Five
Depressants and Inhalants	Week Six
Prescription and Over the Counter Drugs	Week Six
Substance Abuse Treatment	Week Seven
Wrap-up and Final Exam	Week Eight

II. Course Assignments:

1. Exercises
2. Exams
3. Discussions
4. Worksheets
5. Scenario Problem
6. Research Project

III. Grading and Testing Guidelines:

PLEASE NOTE:

Participation is essential for course success. In online classes, completing assignments is tangible evidence that students are participating.

You must complete at least one assignment within the first two weeks of the course to be counted as an attending, participating student.

Students who do not complete an assignment by Friday of the second week of the session will be withdrawn from the course for non-attendance.

Any work that is turned in to this instructor to be graded must be grammatically correct and free of spelling errors. Any work that cannot be understood because of poor grammar, run-on sentences, etc. will not be graded and the student will receive a “0”. If you need assistance with your writing skills, contact our student success center for assistance.

You must abide by all due dates to receive full credit. All work must be your own unless you are authorized to work in groups.

If you have any questions, please email me using your NC State email account.

Testing may be progressive. (Some chapters may be combined), with each exam worth 10-100 points each. The exams will be completed as an assignment. When the test is completed, you are ONLY to send your answer key in the following format (do not attach the exam nor copy or paste the exam, answer key only)

1. A
 2. B
 3. C
 4. D
- Etc.

For each chapter and topic discussed, there will be individual projects assigned (homework/classwork). The projects will be weighted from 5-100 points each. The projects are located under the "assignments" tab in Canvas on the left of your screen.

Each week will have a separate link that will include the assignments, handouts, powerpoints, and reading assignments. You will have work that is to be submitted as an assignment, and others submitted as a discussion. Students are required to respond to a classmate's discussion posting for each discussion assignment. These responses should exceed a complement or statement of agreement, and explain “why.” One hundred (**100**) words is a suggested target for a meaningful reply. Responses will be weighted as 10 points each. Responses are ONLY for discussion assignments. Responses: usually will consist of, "do you agree with your classmates' answer?" "Do you disagree?" "Explain why or why not." "Do you have questions about their answer?" "Do you have helpful pieces of information to share with your classmate about the assignment?" Etc.

Responses are meant to simulate the traditional classroom experience when the instructor asks students to respond to a question or comment about an answer another student offered. If you cannot reach the 100-word goal with one student, choose another student(s) to respond to, to combine your replies. An academic source as a reference to support your discussion post and responses with a citation in APA format will be included in discussion scoring. Any work that is turned in to the instructor must be grammatically correct. (This also includes spelling.) Any work that cannot be understood by the instructor will automatically receive a “0” score. The student will not be allowed to re-do the work.

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Incomplete work will not be graded. If a student is having difficulty with writing skills, please seek assistance from the student success center. This also applies to emails. Students must use proper grammar in all communications.

If you have any questions, please email me using your MYNC State email account. Emails (not canvas inbox messages) come directly to my personal phone. I prefer that you do not use the inbox inside Canvas IF you want a question answered swiftly. If you can wait a few days, if you like, please use the inbox.

No private email accounts can be used. You may only use your MYNC state issued email account for communication with me.

IV. Examination Policy:

1. The reasons for which a student will be excused from taking an examination _____
 - a. Hospitalization (with documented verification)
 - b. Death in the immediate family (with documented verification)
 - c. Personal illness or illness in immediate family - (doctor's excuse required).
2. A student who misses an examination for any reason is responsible for making up the exam or assignment.
3. All work, including assignments, exams, and discussions, are due by Midnight Sunday, or other designated due date. Your initial discussion post is due in the middle of the week, so classmates have time to respond. If a response is required, those will be due by 6 pm on the due date.
You may work ahead in this course if you so choose to. However, I do not grade ahead. Make sure you set your assignment screen in canvas as you have been advised so that you can view your work by the week (refer to your announcement page, email, and course module for directions). If you plan a vacation, have a hectic work schedule, etc. please prepare for that, so your work is turned in on time. The penalty for late submission is one (1) letter grade; after two weeks, the reduction is two (2). Punctuality is a professional expectation and respectful of your classmates.

V. Class Attendance and Homework Make-Up Policy:

There **will not** be any points assigned for attending this class because it is an online course. It is the student's responsibility to check the due dates of each assignment and complete it before their due date. Assignments are due by Midnight on Sundays, or the designated due date, and all responses to classmates are due by 6pm on the designated due date. To the best of the instructor's ability, grades will be maintained **weekly or bi-weekly. This means that if your work is due on Monday, I will do my best to have it graded by the following Monday.**

The class's total points will vary, based upon exam weights and other variables such as the number of assignments, discussion, research, etc.

VI. Classroom Expectations:

Remember, the class sessions simulate meetings and discussion among co-workers in the workplace. To respect the rights of all, please:

- Show respect to your classmates by using positive feedback within the discussion rooms and email. A debate is expected and encouraged as it aids in the learning and exploration process. Please approach debate, questions, and answers in communication, with a spirit of congeniality.
- Negative feedback is wrong. You will receive a warning for the first time. Further use of negative feedback will result in a “0” grade for that assignment. If there is negative feedback on a third occasion, you may be removed from the class.
- Please practice ‘netiquette’ by treating classmates with dignity and respect in all manner of communication. We are working together for a common purpose in the classroom. In the future, you will work with others in the workplace for a shared mission.

Helpful Information: Please read ahead for the assignments that will be due for this course to get a head start! Click on the Assignment Tab to the left of your screen to ensure you complete all the due assignments. (Make sure you click the tab in the upper right corner of your screen to set your monitor to the view of seeing your work listed by each week as this will help you in keeping track of what is due and when and also assists you if you are going to work ahead.)

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