

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION**

**COURSE TITLE:** Addiction Studies

**COURSE NUMBER:** MAJ 6614

**II. RATIONALE:**

Criminal justice practitioners are becoming more aware that an understanding of chemical dependency from the criminal justice perspective is essential to dealing with the ever increasing population of dependent victims, offenders and witnesses.

**III. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:**

**GOAL A:**

Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the concepts of dependency and addiction.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- A-1 Discuss what is involved in the discipline of Addiction Studies.
- A-2 Define abuse, addiction and dependency as key concepts in the discipline.
- A-3 Discuss the medical model of chemical addiction.
- A-4 Discuss the criminal justice reaction to the disease model.

**GOAL B:**

Students will conduct a detailed review of the identity and effects of the chemicals of abuse.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- B-1 Review key concepts of pharmacology.
- B-2 Discuss the prime effects of the various chemicals of abuse.
- B-3 Discuss the key considerations in accessing the effects of chemicals.
- B-4 Review the various drug forms and how drugs are administered.

**GOAL C:**

Students will conduct a detailed overview of the popular substances of abuse and the specific patterns of behavior that accompany each form of addiction.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- C-1 Conduct a review of alcohol abuse and addiction.
- C-2 Conduct a review of barbiturate abuse and addiction.
- C-3 Conduct a review of amphetamine abuse and addiction.
- C-4 Conduct a review of cocaine abuse and addiction.
- C-5 Conduct a review of marijuana abuse and addiction.
- C-6 Conduct a review of opiate abuse and addiction.
- C-7 Conduct a review of hallucinogen abuse and addiction.
- C-8 Conduct a review of aerosol & inhalant abuse and addiction.
- C-9 Conduct a review of steroid abuse and addiction.
- C-10 Conduct a review of nicotine addiction.

**GOAL D:**

Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the special criminal justice issues associated with chemical abuse and dependency.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- D-1 Discuss the legal issues concerning abuse by pregnant women.
- D-2 Review the drug abuse problems in the incarcerated population.
- D-3 Discuss the issues of drug abuse among probation and parole clients.
- D-4 Review drug abuse as a cause of criminal or violent behavior.
- D-5 Review the types of information or training that should be made available to criminal justice practitioners.

**GOAL E:**

Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the available responses to the various dependency issues from a criminal justice perspective.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- E-1 Review a sample of current programs.
- E-2 Discuss the treatment formats.
- E-3 Discuss the process of recovery.
- E-4 Discuss dealing with offenders, witnesses and victims who are dependent.
- E-5 Discuss other forms of addiction that effect criminal justice practitioners including gambling, relationships or negative behaviors.
- E-6 Discuss the current criminal justice systems response to the issues.

**GOAL F:**

Student will use appropriate written and oral skills.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

- F-1 Prepare written reports.
- F-2 Engage in oral presentations.
- F-3 Present written assignments using APA style.