

COURSE:	<b>PSY351 - PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY SUMMER SESSION 1 - 2009</b>									
CLASS TIME & LOCATION:	Monday through Friday – 8-9:45 AM RMSC 233									
COURSE WEB SITE:	Grades, important class notices, a current syllabus, and course schedule can be found on the course web site that is accessible from this address: <a href="http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy351">http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy351</a>									
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OFFICE:	RMSC 231B									
OFFICE HOURS:	Monday through Friday 1-2PM or by appointment									
TEXTS:	Kuhn, C; Swartzwelder, S; & Wilson, W. <i>Buzzed: The Straight Facts About the Most Used and Abused Drugs from Alcohol to Ecstasy.</i> W.W. Norton & Company; ISBN: 0-393-32493-1									
COURSE DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, & GOALS:	<p>This course will introduce you to the mechanisms and actions of drug use in the nervous system. Based on current psychological and pharmacological research; the reception mechanism, effect on the nervous system &amp; other physiological systems, behavioral effects, short &amp; long term physiological effects of use, and toxicity will be discussed among other relevant topics for the following drug categories: <i>Alcohol, Inhalants, Nicotine, Caffeine, Herbal Drugs, Sedatives, Stimulants, Opiates, Cannabis, Hallucinogens, Entactogens, and Prescription Drugs.</i> Additional course topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basics of the brain and neural activity</li> <li>• basics of drug pharmacology</li> <li>• physiological and psychological basis of addiction</li> <li>• substance abuse treatments and therapies</li> </ul>									
EVALUATION:	<p>The take home exams will focus on sectional material and the final exam will be comprehensive.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Take Home Exam 1</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take Home Exam 2</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final Exam</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Final Grade:</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </table>		Take Home Exam 1	30%	Take Home Exam 2	30%	Final Exam	40%	Final Grade:	100%
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GRADING SCALE:	<p>Letter grades will be assigned as follows: <b>A = 92-100, A- = 90-91, B+ = 88-89, B = 82-87, B- = 80-81, C+ = 78-79, C = 72-77, C- = 70-71, D+ = 68-69, D = 62-67, D- = 60-61, and below 60 = F.</b> This division is subject to modification, if necessary. If at anytime you have questions about your grades or grading in general, please make an appointment to see me.</p>									

EXAM SCHEDULE: (subject to change)	A schedule of course material and exams is included as an attachment. The exam schedule is subject to change upon notification. A current schedule can be found on the course web site found at this address: <a href="http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy351">http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/psy351</a>
ABSENCE POLICY:	In accordance with the policy of the college, <b>attendance of all class meetings is mandatory</b> . Attendance of class will be monitored. In the case of excused absences (refer to the <i>Student Handbook</i> for definition) every effort will be made to assist in the comprehension of the missed work. Students with excessive unexcused absences will first be notified and subsequent continued absences will result in a report to the Dean's office.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:	<b>The integrity of the academic programs of the college and the value of the credentials of graduates of the college are threatened by acts of academic dishonesty. All acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the Honor Code in the <i>Student Handbook</i>. Sanctions include but are not limited to failing the course and suspension from the college. The honor code can be found at the link below:</b> <a href="http://www.wofford.edu/studentLife/honorCode.pdf">http://www.wofford.edu/studentLife/honorCode.pdf</a> Academic dishonesty includes acts such as cheating, manipulating data, and plagiarism. Committing an act of academic dishonesty can result in delaying your graduation from Wofford.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:	The ADA requires that all qualified persons have equal opportunity and access to education regardless of the presence of any disabling conditions. It is the student's responsibility to inform me of any special accommodations needed. Students needing special accommodations for a testing situation must notify me in advance (at least 1 week) of the exam.

*This syllabus is subject to change upon notification.*