

Glassboro State College Senate Curriculum Committee

# Approval Form

Proposal Title: Drugs and Crime in America

Sponsor(s) A. W. Salerno Dept.: Law/Justice Ext. 6178

Check one:  Course  Specialization  Concentration  Minor  Achievement Certificate  
 Certification Program  Major Program  Minor Change (please name deletion or credit/title/catalog change)

Undergraduate  Graduate      Credit Hours

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| <p><b>Step 1 (Department)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>10-16-91</u><br/>Date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><u>Joseph S. Salerno</u><br/>Dept. CC Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed _____<br/>Date</p> <p><u>Joseph S. Salerno</u><br/>Dept. Chairperson</p> | <p><b>Step 2 (Receipt)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>91-92-28</u></p> <p>Proposal Received _____<br/>Date</p> <p>_____<br/>SCC Chairperson</p> | <p><b>Step 3 (School CC)</b></p> <p>Reviewed <u>2-4-92</u><br/><u>6-17-92</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><b>Comments:</b><br/>1. Appears to be used for more<br/>consultations on the<br/>Department<br/>2. Comments will be by P.<br/>S. Henry.</p> <p><u>Joseph S. Salerno</u><br/>School Curr. Comm. Chairperson</p> |
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**Step 4 (Academic Dean)**

Recommend  
 Not Recommend  
 Conditionally Recommend (see comments)

Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature, Dean of School

**Comments:**

**Step 5 (SCC)**

Open Hearing 11-17-91  Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 11-17-91  
Date Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

**Step 6 (Senate)**

Presented to Senate 11-17-91  Approved  Not Approved  
Date

Notification to Executive Vice-President/Provost 11-17-91 Joseph S. Salerno  
Date Signature, SCC Chairperson

**Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)**

Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Yes  No

If no, reasons are as follows:  
Date

Student credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty load hours \_\_\_\_\_

Equalized credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Official copy and approval sheet filed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature, Executive Vice-President/Provost

**Registrar**

Approved course description received 24 Aug 92  
Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned 2105.322

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Signature, Registrar

24 Aug 92  
Date

**Notification forwarded:**

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)

A. COURSE PROPOSAL

1. Title of the Course: Drugs and Crime in America  
Department: Law/Justice  
Sponsor: A. W. Salerno
2. Essence:
  - a. Graduate or Undergraduate: Undergraduate
  - b. Semester hours credit: Three (3) hours
  - c. Course level: Junior
  - d. Pre-requisites: None
  - e. Effect of the course on the current and planned departmental curricular pattern: It is a restricted elective in the elective bank.
  - f. Suggested time for implementation: Fall, 1992
3. Details:
  - a. Adequacy of present staff: course can be done with existing resources and staff of the department and college.
  - b. Statements as to the uniqueness of the course: It will be the only comprehensive course in the department which addresses the social problems of drugs and crime.
  - c. Course objectives: 1) Develop a comprehensive knowledge base of drugs and crime in America.  
2) Understand the international and political aspects of illegal drugs. 3) Learn the means of controlling illegal drugs at the state and national levels. 4) Analyze, critique, and debate the

relevant issues.

d. Evaluation and grading: Exams, papers, attendance and participation.

e. N/A

4. Topical Outline :

- Week 1 Historical aspects of drug use in America
- Week 2 Illegal drugs: types and physiological and behavioral effects
- Week 3 Extent of illegal drug use in America
- Week 4 The criminalization of drugs
- Week 5 Drug use and occupation, social class, race, gender, and adolescence
- Week 6 International production and distribution of drugs
- Week 7 Trafficking: organized crime and street gangs
- MID-TERM EXAM
- Week 8 The drugs-crime connection
- Week 9 Drug offenders and the criminal justice system
- Week 10 Theory: explaining drug use
- Week 11 Controlling the problem: prevention, treatment, punishment
- Week 12 The federal role in controlling drugs
- Week 13- Critical issues: legalization, crack babies and  
15 the law, testing employees, AIDS
- FINAL EXAM

5. Rationale:

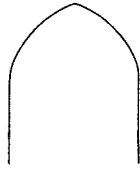
The use of illegal drugs in America is by all accounts almost ubiquitous. Its relationship to crime started in the sixties with Heroin and has continued unabated to the present. With the "discovery" of Cocaine and "Crack"

in the early to middle eighties, the effects on crime rates and the criminal justice system have been compounded. For the Law/Justice curriculum the subject is only touched on in other courses. A social problem such as this requires a comprehensive, rather than a cursory treatment. A course of this kind is long overdue.

6. The department approves by a unanimous vote.

Catalogue Description:

This course explores and analyzes the relationship between illegal drugs and crime and all the relevant issues and ramifications. These include, but are not limited to: national and international trafficking, control of the problem, legalization, and explanations for drug use.



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December 12, 1991

Mr. Tony Salerno  
Law and Justice Department  
Glassboro State College  
Glassboro, New Jersey 08028

Re: Drugs and Crime in America

Dear Tony:

I was glad to hear of your desire to consider the addition of a new course to the department's curriculum concerning the specific problems and conditions associated with crime and the manufacture, sale, and use of illicit drugs in America.

Such a course should focus on the criminology, the law, and the response of the criminal justice system to the moral and public policy concerns which encompass this complex and emotional issue.

Look forward to seeing you in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold W. Metz, Ed.D.  
Associate Professor and  
Graduate Coordinator

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GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE

Academic Advising Office

Glassboro, New Jersey 08028-1789 (609)863-5311

January 16, 1992

Mr. Anthony Salerno  
Department of Law and Justice  
Wilson Building

Dear Tony:

I have read your course proposals, "Sentencing and the Rights of the Convicted" and "Drugs and Crime in America" with considerable interest. As someone who frequently offers a course in and is concerned with issues of deviant behavior and social control, I welcome this opportunity to make some comments about these two courses.

The former course offers an opportunity for our students as well as yours to explore issues of social policy from the perspective of political ideologies as well as accounting for issues of race and class. With regard to the latter, I am pleased that students from several different disciplines will have the opportunity to explore the ever-increasing nexus of drugs and crime. I believe both courses will attract students. I hope you find the above comments helpful.

Sincerely,

*Jay Chaskes*  
Jay Chaskes  
Associate Professor

cc: John Myers



GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE  
Psychology Department

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February 26, 1992

Mr. Anthony Salerno  
Law/Justice Studies Department  
Glassboro State College  
Glassboro, N.J. 08028

Dear Mr. Salerno:

As requested I have reviewed the course proposal for a new offering, "Drugs and Crime in America." As coordinator of the Psychology Department's sequence of six courses in the psychological study of alcoholism and drug abuse, I would like to offer the following comments:

1. The need for careful and comprehensive study of the problems of drugs and crime in a law/justice program is clear. While the National Household Survey conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) indicates general declining or steady use rates for illegal drugs (such as marijuana, cocaine, hallucinogens and stimulants) since 1974, data provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse DAWN (Drug Abuse Warning Network) and the National Institute on Justice DUF (Drug Use Forecasting) indicate that there is widespread drug use among those recently arrested in American urban areas. Consideration of the role(s) that drugs play in crime should indeed also be integrated into all law/justice courses. As you suggest, a course of this kind is clearly long overdue.
2. This course proposal focuses on illegal drugs, omitting the role(s) of alcohol in crime. Unfortunately, this may contribute to the perpetuation of the myths that alcohol is not a drug or is somehow a safer drug because it is legal to purchase. This omission obscures the central role that alcohol abuse plays in crime.
3. The proposal's topical outline is so general that I am unable to determine whether there is significant overlap with the psychology department offerings. For example, it is not clear to me what the difference is between the topics covered in weeks 8 and 9. If you could elaborate about the specific issues to be covered, I would be willing to indicate if that material is already covered in our courses. Given the budgetary constraints facing the college, duplication of course material already being taught is obviously ill-advised.

If you would like to discuss these comments, please contact me at 6018.

Yours truly,

*Linda R. Jeffrey*

Linda R. Jeffrey, Ph.D.  
Coordinator, Psychology Department Alcohol/Drug Sequence

cc: Dr. Eleanor Gaer, Psychology Department Chairperson  
Dr. John Myers, Curriculum Committee Chair, School of  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE

Sociology Department

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April 30, 1992

To: Donna Hathaway, Chair  
Senate Curriculum Committee

From: John Myers, Chair  
Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Subcommittee

Re: (1) Sentencing and the Rights of the Convicted  
(2) Drugs and Crime in America

The concerns this subcommittee had about consultation within the Law Justice Department with regard to the above two courses were relieved by Dr. Douglas's March 11, 1992 memo to Tony Salerno. We believe that all members of the department have now been consulted about this course.

Please reconsider the courses at the May 1, 1992 Senate Curriculum Committee meeting.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

c Tony Salerno