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JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course change and new course applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed course.

The proposed new course will help align UAF's Sociology program with UAA's, thus streamlining transferability and opening possibilities for cross-campus collaborations. Additionally, UAF's Department of History and Women, Gender, & Sexualities Studies Program have both had good success with the rotating special topics seminars. The Department of Sociology at UAF has lost nearly all of its faculty, and thus we are unable to offer the breadth and depth of courses we were able to offer previously. This new special topics course will allow our department to be more nimble and to take advantage of faculty

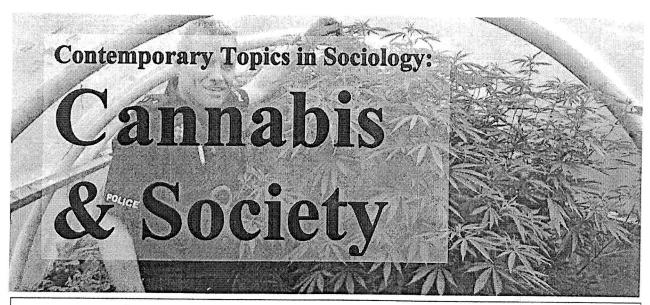
research and teaching interests as they emerge. Finally, contemporary events such as the legalization of cannabis in the Pacific Northwest, terrorist attacks on gay nightclubs, and natural disasters like hurricanes often happen suddenly. There is usually not sufficient time for a full-fledged course proposal to make it through the approval process for the course to be offered in a timely manner. The proposed course will allow our department to offer a course on an emerging topic in as little as six months from the event.

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ATTACH COMPLETE SYLLABUS (as part of this application). This list is online at: http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/uaf-syllabus-requirements/ The Faculty Senate curriculum committees will review the syllabus to ensure that each of the items listed below are included. If items are missing or unclear, the proposed course (or changes to it) may be denied. SYLLABUS CHECKLIST FOR ALL UAF COURSES During the first week of class, instructors will distribute a course syllabus. Although modifications may be made throughout the semester, this document will contain the following information (as applicable to the discipline): 1. Course information: lacksquare Title, lacksquare number, lacksquare credits, lacksquare prerequisites, lacksquare location, lacksquare meeting time (make sure that contact hours are in line with credits). 2. Instructor (and if applicable, Teaching Assistant) information: lacksquare Name, lacksquare office location, lacksquare office hours, lacksquare telephone, lacksquare email address. Course readings/materials: ☐ Course textbook title, ☐ author, ☐ edition/publisher. ☐ Supplementary readings (indicate whether ☐ required or ☐ recommended) and any supplies required. 4. Course description: lacksquare Content of the course and how it fits into the broader curriculum; ☐ Expected proficiencies required to undertake the course, if applicable. ☐ Inclusion of catalog description is strongly recommended, and Description in syllabus must be consistent with catalog course description. 5. Course Goals (general), and (see #6) 6. Student Learning Outcomes (more specific) 7. Instructional methods: lacksquare Describe the teaching techniques (eg: lecture, case study, small group discussion, private instruction, studio instruction, values clarification, games, journal writing, use of Blackboard, audio/video conferencing, etc.). 8. Course calendar: A schedule of class topics and assignments must be included. Be specific so that it is clear that the instructor has thought this through and will not be making it up on the fly (e.g. it is not adequate to say "lab". Instead, give each lab a title that describes its content). You may call the outline Tentative or Work in Progress to allow for modifications during the semester. 9. Course policies: ☐ Specify course rules, including your policies on attendance, tardiness, class participation, make-up exams, and plagiarism/academic integrity. 10. Evaluation: \square Specify how students will be evaluated, \square what factors will be included, \square their relative value, and \Box how they will be tabulated into grades (on a curve, absolute scores, etc.) D Publicize UAF regulations with regard to the grades of "C" and below as applicable to this course. (Not required in the syllabus, but is a convenient way to publicize this.) Link to PDF summary of grading policy for "C": http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/Info-to-Publicize-C Grading-Policy-UPDATED-May-2013.pdf 11. Support Services: ☐ Describe the student support services such as tutoring (local and/or regional) appropriate for the course. 12. Disabilities Services: Note that the phone# and location have been updated. http://www.uaf.edu/disability/ The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and ensures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. ☐ State that you will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (208 WHITAKER

BLDG, 474-5655) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.



As states decriminalize and/or legalize cannabis, police departments are changing their enforcement practices. http://www.sickchirpse.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Cannabis-Durham.jpg

A special topics course at the University of Alaska Fairbanks SOC 280, section numbers FXX for face-to-face students; FXX for web conference students August XX-December XX, 2017

Times and days TBA in F2F classroom and by video web-conference

Course Description

Explore the sociology of cannabis in America, moving through time from the mid-19th century to the present. Cannabis shapes and has been shaped by immigration patterns, race and ethnicity, cultures and countercultures, and political and economic factors. We will also delve into the socio-pharmacological history of cannabis, including its uses as a potential remedy for a variety of ailments. As Alaska and other states have recently legalized marijuana, we will witness sociology and social history in the making as authorities create regulatory regimes, new industries emerge, and as both backlash and procannabis social movements push their agendas forward.

Your Professor



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office hours: TBD; google chat when I'm online; PM by Facebook; and

by appointment

I am Alaska's fiddling sociologist. Besides teaching and doing research, I also write sociologically-infused songs, play fiddle and other acoustic instruments, and organize for social justice. Students are always welcome to visit me to chat about your own interests, life plans, career goals, and anything and everything related to the course!

General course goal

The goal of the course is to facilitate students' learning about the sociology of cannabis in America.

Learning objectives

Students who actively participate in all aspects of the course will be able to:

- explain how and why cannabis has historically been used in America, with a brief foray into its ancient global past
- understand the socio-pharmacological aspects of cannabis
- contrast the social and historical shifting legal landscape of cannabis with the landscape of alcohol and other intoxicants
- explicate how certain urban subcultures shaped and reshaped Americans' ideas about cannabis
- describe the role that immigration, racism, ethnocentrism, and white supremacy played in marijuana law
- analyze historical and contemporary cannabis prohibition and incarceration in the US
- explain social movements for and against marijuana, including the historical and contemporary roles played by corporate and governmental propaganda
- describe the shifts in legalization strategies promoted by the contemporary medical marijuana industry and hemp activists
- discuss contemporary aspects of the early 21st century nearly-legal cannabis market, including auxiliary businesses, pot pirates, and the green rush
- witness history being made as Alaska and other states create regulatory regimes for cannabis



Prerequisites

Prerequisites: none.

Required texts

- Smoke Signals: A Social History of Marijuana—Medical, Recreational, and Scientific by Martin A. Lee. Scribner. 2012. Available in hardback, paperback, and e-book.
- Joint Ventures: Inside America's Almost Legal Marijuana Industry by Trish Regan. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2011. Available in hardback, paperback, and e-book.
- Other required readings posted online on Bb





The primary texts are available through the UAF Bookstore and through online retailers.

Course policies

Terms of address

Please call me Dr. Anahita, Professor Anahita, or more informally, Dr. A. My name is pronounced "Ah-nah-hé-tah."

Contacting your instructor

The best way to contact me is through email or by visiting my office hours. When you email me, use your UA email address, and use an appropriate subject line that includes the course name or course designator and your name. If my posted office hours don't work for you, email me to set an appointment. I try to answer emails within 48 hours,



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except for weekends. It is difficult to reach me by phone and I may not be able to return your call.

Academic freedom

Students and faculty alike have academic freedom, and I will protect our academic freedom in this class. Academic freedom allows us to discuss the assigned course material using a broad array of terms, concepts, and ideas from the discipline that shape the course. Since this is a SOC course, we are here to learn ideas and concepts from this discipline. This means that class discussions and assignments must focus on sociology. Specifically, because this is not a religion, philosophy, or biology course, religious, moral, or biological arguments will probably not apply. We are, of course, free to use non-SOC arguments outside of class when we discuss the course material with others. To be successful in the class, you do NOT have to adopt my ideas, the ideas from the course material, or the ideas of the other students. But you MUST use course material in your work in the class. Additionally, you must remain civil and respectful of others. Everyone may make communication mistakes and small errors of judgment. However, students who repeatedly disrupt class discussion, who flame and/or bait others, who chronically refuse to respect academic freedom, or who insist on using non-applicable arguments will be dropped, will lose points on assignments, and/or have their final grade lowered significantly for failing to participate. To keep us on task, I may interrupt students who stray too far away from course material during class discussion. If you have concerns, please come talk with me privately.

Reading

Study the readings so you can participate in class activities. Commit sufficient time to do the reading in a comprehensive manner. Students who consistently fail to read the assigned materials will be dropped from the class and/or their final grade lowered significantly for failing to participate. Students who repeatedly use non-course related arguments in their work can expect the instructor to interrupt them and/or to award a failing grade for the assignment. Avoid being embarrassed in this way by consistently and thoroughly completing all reading and other assignments so that your contributions in class will be valued.



http://media.gettyimages.com/photos/mexican-soldiers-watch-as-bundles-of-seized-marijuana-are-incinerated-picture-id105878059

Assignments

Assignments are due in Bb or in class as assigned. Emailed assignments will not be accepted. All written assignments must be submitted through Bb by the time that class begins on the day they are due. Late assignments may or may not be accepted for credit, depending on the reason for lateness. Quizzes may only be taken online during the class time assigned. Missed quizzes may not be made up except in cases of documented emergencies.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. You may miss up to three hours of class without providing documentation about your absence. After you have missed three hours, you must provide official documentation about your absence. If your documentation is insufficient, up to five points will be deducted from your final course grade for each hour beyond three that you miss. Arriving late, or leaving early, may count as a full absence from class.



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In class behavior

Please do not bring smelly or noisy food to class. Please do not do craftwork in class or work on an assignment from another class. No unauthorized texting or surfing is allowed. Please be an active participant by coming to class prepared to engage fully with the course material, with me, and with your student colleagues.

Electronics in class

You are welcome to bring your laptops, iPads, and smartphones to class as we may find these to be useful during class discussion. Please do not, however use your electronics during class in ways that are disruptive or do not include others in class (e.g. no unauthorized texting or surfing in class).

Extra credit

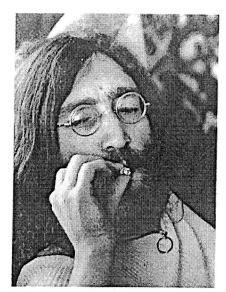
Individual extra credit assignments are not available.

Incompletes

I strongly discourage Incompletes, and will grant them rarely and only if the student supplies documentation of need. UAF policy dictates that unresolved Incompletes become permanent Fs.

Instructor-initiated withdrawal

I may do an instructor-initiated withdrawal for students who exhibit prohibited behaviors, including: chronic lateness; chronic absence; repeatedly leaving class early; failure to read assignments; refusal



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to participate in class activities, including discussions; sleep in class; use electronic toys inappropriately in class; are hostile or disruptive; engage in private conversations (whispering, texting, etc.) are caught in an act of academic dishonesty; refuse to respect the academic freedom of others; insist on using non-applicable concepts from this class during class discussions or in assignments.

Academic Honesty

Expect an F and possibly instructor-initiated withdrawal from the course if you are caught in an act of academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, or falsification. You can read the university's student code of conduct here: http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html

Disability

UAF's Disability Services Office offers assistance, including academic accommodations, to students who have a documented disability. I will work with the Disabilities Services Office to make accommodations for students who have documented disabilities. Please contact DSO for more information: website: http://www.uaf.edu/disability/; phone: 907-474-5655; email: uaf-disabilityservices@alaska.edu

Grading

You can earn up to 100 points in this class. The table illustrates the points value of each assignment:

Grading system

Assignment	Points	Due
Image Analysis	10	June 6
Cannabis Humor	10	June 20
5 quizzes @ 10 pts each	50	5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23
Alaska Context Poster	20	June 27-30
Discussion participation	10	throughout
Total	100	

A+ = 970≥	C = 730-769
A = 930-969	C = 700-729
A = 900 - 929	D+ = 670-699
B + = 870-890	D = 630-669
B = 830-869	D- = 600-629
B - = 800 - 829	F <600
C+ = 770-799	

Assignments

Image Analysis

Search the internet to find an image related to cannabis, and analyze it using terms and concepts from this course. Focus your analysis on sociological ideas as presented in the course. In your Image Analysis paper, first, comprehensively describe the image. Next, briefly define your analytical framework, using terms and concepts from the course, then apply it to your selected image. Your analysis should be typed, 3-4 pages of text, double spaced, with 1" margins all around. Number your pages. Copy and paste the image in your paper, and cite the URL where you located the image. Submit your Image Analysis in Bb. Come to class prepared to lead the class in discussion about your image analysis; for this purpose, bring your image on a flash drive.



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Cannabis Humor

Go to youtube.com and enter "cannabis humor" or "marijuana humor" into the search bar. Select a clip and sociologically analyze why the clip might be considered funny. In other words, what are people laughing about? What makes the clip funny? Are there elements of the humor that could be criticized as reinforcing negative stereotypes, e.g. by mocking a certain social group or historical time period? Who isn't laughing at the clip? Are there parts of the clip that are untrue or unbelievable, based on what we have studied in this class? How far—or how close—is the clip to "sociological reality", based

on what we have studied? You may think of other ways to sociologically analyze the humor in the clip. Write a 3-4 page paper analyzing the humor in the youtube clip using terms and concepts from the course. Your paper should be typed, double spaced, with 1" margins all around. Number your pages. Cite the URL and title of the clip you selected.

Alaska Context Poster

Create a 2x3' poster analyzing your choice of an aspect of cannabis in the context of Alaska. You must use sociological ideas in your analysis/summary. Gather information for your poster through Alaska newspaper reports, historical documents, crime statistics, Alaska state and municipal documents and proceedings, and other credible and/or official data sources. We will explore available data in class, and you are also welcome to visit your professor in office hours to brainstorm other data sources. Use powerpoint or similar graphics software to prepare your poster. Be especially careful not to accidentally plagiarize on this assignment, and be sure to correctly cite all of your sources. Submit your poster to Bb. Expect to discuss your Alaska Context Poster in class, and bring your poster on a flashdrive for this purpose. Feel free to brainstorm ideas with your professor.

Quizzes

There will be five (5) quizzes that will test your comprehension of the assigned readings, videos, class discussions, lectures, and presentations. The quizzes will consist of essay questions that will require

you to demonstrate your integrated understanding of the course material. You may use your texts and your notes, but be aware that you must complete the entire quiz during class time only.

Discussion Participation

We will spend most of our class time discussing the assigned readings and other course material. You can earn all of the points available for this assignment by fully preparing for discussion before every class meeting. Take notes while you read so that you can refer to them during class. You may be called upon at random to



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answer questions or to lead class discussion. If you answer incorrectly or if you otherwise cannot demonstrate that you studied the assigned material, you will earn zero points.

Course Schedule

Topic	Day	Date	Assignment
Introduction to the course, each other, and			no assignment due today
to the discipline of Sociology			BB #1: What is sociology?
			BB #2: Sociological frameworks
Cannabis in 19 th & early 20 th century			Lee pp. 1-37
America: From patent medicine to			Lee pp. 38-71
Prohibition			Quiz 1
Reefer rebellions: Legalization			Lee pp. 72-87
movements, flower power, espionage and			Lee pp. 88-103
the Cold War			Lee pp. 104-115

Marijuana science and ideologies: Seeing	Lee pp. 116-131				
both sides	Lee pp. 132-156				
	Image Analysis assignment due				
Drug wars: Underground economies,	Lee pp. 157-173				
Amsterdam experiment, famous drug	Lee pp. 174-186				
warriors, and organized resistance	Quiz 2				
California: Cannabis Ground Zero	Lee pp. 187-200				
	Lee pp. 201-215				
	Lee pp. 216-247				
	Lee pp. 248-263				
	Lee pp. 264-293				
	Cannabis Humor assignment due				
Continual contestation: Courts, ballots,	Lee pp. 294-309				
and the DEA	Lee pp. 310-323				
	Lee pp. 324-357				
Cannabis social movements: Medical	Lee pp. 358-392				
marijuana and backlash movements	Lee pp. 393-404				
	Quiz 3				
Inside the sometimes, nearly-legal	Regan pp. 1-42				
cannabusiness: California and Colorado	Regan pp. 43-67				
	Regan pp. 68-96				
	Regan pp. 97-115				
	Quiz 4				
-	Regan pp. 116-137				
	Regan pp. 138-169				
	Regan pp. 170-183				
	Regan pp. 184-214				
	Regan pp. 215-240				
Cannabis in the Alaska context	Alaska Context Poster and				
-	presentation due				
Final exam	Quiz 5				