

## SYLLABUS

### **FSC 440-02 Drug Identification**

**Fall 2009**

**Tuesday Night 1830-2115 USM Main Campus AKH 107**

**Wednesday Night 1830-2115 Gulf Park Eagle 102**

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### **Course Purpose and Objectives**

To provide a law enforcement perspective on identifying, evidence handling, classifying of all types of drugs, and to familiarize the student with the correct "Search and Seizure" laws pertaining to drug enforcement. Forensic methodologies will be incorporated as to proper identification of drugs and the physical and mental effects on the body and the proper way to approach and arrest persons on drugs. The students will learn the history and abusiveness behind the more common street drugs encountered by law enforcement officers today.

### **Required Text and Materials**

**Drug Identification Bible 2007 or 2008** ISBN: 096356268-1

**Handouts and Materials provided by:** Department of Justice- Drug Enforcement Administration  
Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics  
United States Supreme Court  
United State Constitution

**Outside class assignment:** 3-5 page typed paper on an illegal drug provided by the instructor.

### **Attendance/Classroom Behavior**

All students are expected to be familiar with the attendance policy of USM. However, each student should be aware that full attendance is necessary in order to accomplish the goals of Forensic Science 4400, Drug Identification. It will also be easier for the student to understand the material. Students are expected to attend and participate in classroom discussion.

Two or more students engaged in a discussion among themselves that disrupts the class lecture will be asked to leave and a grade of "0" will given for that class period.

### **Student Disabilities ADA**

Students with a disability affecting academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with ADA counselor and the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. If the student is not sure that they qualify under ADA , American Disabilities Act, please contact ADA office, 601-266-5204, located in Bond Hall , west end of first floor. Access ramps are available.

### **Examinations**

There will be four quizzes, a Midterm Exam and a Final Exam. Quizzes and class participation will count as 25% of final grade, Midterm exam 25%, Final Exam 50%. **NO MAKEUP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN.**

**FINAL EXAM-Main Campus: Tuesday Night December 01,2009, 1830 hrs.**

**FINAL EXAM-Gulf Park: Wednesday Night, December 02,2009, 1830hrs.**

### **Study tips**

Attend class and take notes. Have someone furnish you with notes and materials if you miss class. Read assigned materials prior to attending class. You will be provided the information on each quiz or test prior to the exam.

### **Cheating**

Cheating on an exam or test will result in the loss of all credit for that test (0%). The seeking, obtaining, or accessing of information in any manner, on a test, exam or paper by any method other than the students own knowledge of subject constitutes cheating.

### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism on any paper will result in loss of credit fore that paper or article (0%), and may be referred to the Dean of Students as provided in the USM Student Handbook. See attached copy of USM Plagiarism policy.

### **Miscellaneous**

All cell phones and beepers are to be turned off during class. The use of recorders and computers of any type to take notes is prohibited unless approved by the ADA and /or the instructor. A violation of this rule will result in an "F".

All students will observe USM policy prohibiting food, drinks or tobacco in the classrooms.

### **Grading**

The following grading system will be used:

A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), d (60-69), F 59 or below).

### **Course Schedule**

Thirteen (13) major drugs are listed in the table of contents in the Drug Identification Bible 2007. These, along with additional type of illicit drugs will be discussed during the fall semester.

Also included in the course schedule will be a narcotic "search and seizure" crime scene. The students will learn how obtain a legal search warrant by using information obtained from sources, execute the search warrant and locate hidden evidence. The students will also be taught the proper way to label and package evidence for transport to the Crime Lab. This will give the student the "real life feel" to drug enforcement.

The instructor reserves the right to change any of the course schedule and topics according to the student absorption of material, time restraints or natural disasters.

### **Lecture Information/Learning Outcome**

Lectures will come from many categories. Assigned books, Video movies, handouts and possible guest lecturer will be used for correct information on drugs and the drug world. Upon completion of this course the student will be able to classify and recognize drugs based upon their Scheduling and appearance. The student will be familiar with the effects that drugs have on the body. Using the law enforcement point of view, the student will be familiarized with the proper way to approach, communicate, and, if necessary, the arrest of individuals under the influence of drugs, in a safe manner to the law enforcement officers.

### **Fall 2009 Academic Calendar**

See Attachment

### Fall 2009 Academic Calendar

March 23-27	Advisement for registration
April 13 - May 1	Southern's Online Accessible Records (SOAR) Web Registration for continuing students, <a href="https://www.usm.edu/soar">https://www.usm.edu/soar</a>
June 8 - August 28	Open Registration (No Enrollment Appointment necessary)
Wednesday, July 1	Application deadline for new students
Friday, July 31	Last day to pay prior term balance or Fall classes are cancelled
August 3-14	Mini session classes
Tuesday, Aug. 4	Last day to add a mini session class
Wednesday, Aug. 5	Last day to drop a mini session class
Thursday, Aug. 13	Final orientation and registration for new transfer students
Friday, Aug. 14	Final orientation and registration for new freshmen students
Wednesday, Aug. 19	Classes begin, including first half-semester (8W1) classes Late registration (\$50 late fee) and add/drop begin
Thursday, Aug 20	Last day to register for first half-semester (8W1) classes
Saturday, Aug. 22	Saturday classes begin
Tuesday, Aug. 25	Last day to drop a 8W1 class without financial penalty
Friday, Aug. 28	Last day to register late for full-semester classes
Tuesday, Sept. 1	Last day to drop and receive 100% financial refund
Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day holiday Monday day and night classes will not meet
Friday, Sept. 11	Last day to drop first half-semester (8W1) classes without academic penalty
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Last day to drop full-semester classes without academic penalty
Thursday, Oct. 1	Late fall 2009 degree application fee applies-\$50.00 (non-refundable)
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Midpoint in fall semester Last day of first half-semester (8W1) classes Final examinations for first half-semester (8W1) classes
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 8-9	Fall Break Day and night classes do not meet
Saturday, Oct 10	Saturday classes meet
Monday, Oct. 12	Second half-semester (8W2) classes begin
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Last day to register for second half-semester (8W2) classes
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Last day to drop a 8W2 class without financial penalty

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Monday, Nov. 2	Last day to drop second half-semester (8VV2) classes without academic penalty
Friday, Nov. 6	Last day to file application for degree for spring 2010 commencement After this date, a \$50 late fee will be assessed on all spring 2010 degree applications
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Holidays begin Day and night classes do not meet
Monday, Nov. 30	Classes resume
Monday, Nov. 30	Monday night class examinations
Tuesday, Dec. 1	Tuesday night class examinations
Wednesday, Dec. 2	Wednesday night class examinations
Thursday, Dec. 3	Last day of full term classes Last day of second half-semester (8W2) courses Thursday night class examinations
Monday-Thursday, Dec. 7-10	Examinations
Friday, Dec. 11	Commencement Bernard Reed Green Coliseum 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12	Residence halls close at noon (12:00 p.m.)

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