

**CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
SYLLABUS FOR CJSA 1173 -
DRUG RECOGNITION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Semester Hours Credit: 1

**INSTRUCTOR:
TELEPHONE NUMBERS:
OFFICE HOURS:**

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. This two day seminar will provide the student with the basics of the most common controlled substances a law enforcement officer will encounter on patrol.
- B. This course is **not** a requirement for the Associates in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice. This is an elective course that will apply one credit toward the students' achievement of their degree.
- C. This course is occupationally related and serves in preparation for careers in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, and Corrections.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course the student will have knowledge of:

- A. The classifications of "street drugs".
- B. How to identify "street drugs" by; color, odor, texture and methods of use.
- C. How to identify the effects of a person abusing "street drugs".
- D. The long-term effects of "street drugs" and how "street drugs" stay in the body.
- E. What to expect, and what to look for when encountering a substance abuser i.e.; behaviors, slang names of "street drugs" and symbols.
- F. How to identify a possible overdose.

III. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- A. **TEXT:** None Required. The instructor will distribute reading assignments which must be read before the first meeting of class.
- B. **POWER POINT PRESENTATION:** The instructor will provide visual aids showing the "street drugs" being discussed.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Class participation is critical. You are encouraged to participate in discussions and to provide any enlightening information. Geographical differences play a role in "street drugs" encountered by law enforcement and the slang terms used to identify same.

- B. Good class notes are indispensable. They will be reference material for those in law enforcement.

V. EXAMINATIONS

There will be a final examination which may consist of objective (true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and matching) or subjective (short answer and essay) questions, or a combination of both types.

VI. SEMINAR GRADE COMPUTATIONS

The student grade will be based on a final examination.

EXAMINATION GRADE

90-100	Grade - A
80- 89	Grade - B
70- 79	Grade - C
60- 69	Grade - D
Less than 60	Grade - F

VII. NOTES AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- A. **Tuition refunds** are made only in the case of class cancellation or official and timely withdrawal from CTC or from a course. Please refer to the current course catalog for more details, at <http://europe.ctcd.edu/library/catalog.php>.
- B. **GoArmyEd** students should contact their education counselor before withdrawing and are required to withdraw through the GoArmyEd portal. **Please note: a military withdrawal does not override CTC's grading policy.** For **self-pay students**, refunds are computed from the date the Application for Withdrawal or Refund is filed with the CTC Field Representative or designated Student Services Officer. Special conditions apply to students who receive federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid. **Tuition and fees paid directly to the Institution** by the Veterans Administration, Title IV (Financial Aid Programs, a sponsor, donor, or scholarship shall be refunded to the source rather than directly to the students.
- C. **Course Withdrawals, Student Responsibilities**
It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course. The instructor cannot initiate a withdrawal based upon a student's request. Rather, students must initiate the withdrawal with the designated Education Center

Representative, through the CTC Field Representative or the Student Services Officer for that region.

Applications for Withdrawal will be accepted at any time before the completion of 75% of the course, after which time the student will be assigned an “FN”- “Failure for Non-attendance”.

D. Incomplete Grade Policy

An “IP” or “Incomplete” grade may be assigned by an instructor if a student has made satisfactory progress in a course with the exception of a major quiz, final exam, or other project. The “IP” grade may also be assigned based on circumstances beyond a student’s control, such as personal illness, death in the immediate family, or military orders. Notice of absences, with supporting documentation, may be required by the instructor. The instructor makes the final decision concerning the granting of the incomplete grade. With an “Incomplete” grade, students are required to complete a set amount of work before the instructor will submit an official letter grade. This date can be determined by the instructor but must be within 110 days of the course end date. After completion of the work the instructor can then change the grade of “IP” to the appropriate letter grade. If this work is not completed by the specified date the instructor will change the grade to “F”.

E. Cellular Phones and Beepers: Cellular phones and beepers will be turned off while the student is in the classroom or laboratory.

F. American’s With Disabilities Act (ADA): Students requiring accommodations for disabilities are responsible for notifying the instructor. Reasonable accommodations will be granted in full compliance with federal and state law and Central Texas College policy.

G. Instructor Discretion: The instructor reserves the right of final decision in course requirements.

H. Civility: Individuals are expected to be cognizant of what a constructive educational experience is and respectful of those participating in a learning environment. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

VIII. COURSE OUTLINE

A. DAY ONE:

- a. Classification of Drugs and Definitions.
- b. Identification of Drugs by Color, Odor, Texture and Methods of Administration.

B. DAY TWO:

- a. Effects of Substance Abuse.
- b. What to Expect When Encountering Substance Abusers.
- c. Behaviors, Street Names and Symbols of Drugs.
- d. Responding to Overdoses.