Addiction and The Family Sociology 732/832 (3 credits)

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I. Catalog Description

Assesses the impact of alcohol or drug addiction on individuals and their families. Research on addiction patterns, codependency, and family treatment is discussed. Special attention is given to gender and racial differences in addiction and their impact on the family. This course is offered in conjunction with the 2015 IUP MARTI Conference.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As a key component of this course, you will be expected to attend a conference on the IUP Main Campus (in Eberly Building) during May June 22nd-26th. The conference runs full day lengths – see schedule for more details.

II. Course Outcomes

Students will:

- 1. Be introduced to the multifaceted causes of addition across the lifespan.
- 2. Recall the warning signs of addiction across the lifespan.
- 3. Explore information to understand the common and specific causes and consequences of addiction across the lifespan.
- 4. Apply their knowledge about addiction to suitable analytical cases.

III. Course Outline

The course outline is divided into three discrete sections:

- 1. **Preconference** (June 15th-19th)
- Course content will be delivered online
- 2. **Conference** (June $22^{nd} 26^{th}$) - Students will attend conference activities at IUP
- 3. **Post-conference**(June 29^{th} July 3^{rd}) Course content will be delivered online

Schedule Outline

Course reading content during this time will be offered online through D2L. The required readings serve as an introduction to the topics and literature that students will encounter during the course of the conference events. It is recommended that one unit be reviewed per day as case assignments that involve the readings are due every two days. Assignment instructions will be placed within the Content Module of D2L and assignments should be uploaded to the Dropbox of D2L.

Students will be expected to provide an approximately 1500 word overview of what they learned from each day at the conference that was related specifically to poly-victimization and/or poly-perpetration and in what they learned that was related to a specific form of victimization or perpetration. These overviews must include appropriate citations to both the assigned reading units that are relevant to the conference theme of the day as well as to the presenters of specific conference sessions.

	Topic	Activity
June 15 th	How to Attend a Conference	Discussion Board 1: Reviewing Conference Program Quiz 1: Conference Etiquette and Networking
June 16 th	Issues in Prohibition, Legalization, and Medical Use of Marijuana	Discussion Board 2: Changes to Marijuana Laws in PA - a slippery slope or a solution? Quiz 2: Marijuana Use and Abuse
June 17 th	A Primer on Positive Approches for Issues Facing Children and Youth	Discussion Board 3: Parenting, Educating, and Counseling Children Quiz 3: Tough Love or Good Modeling
June 18 th	Staying Positive, Resilient, and Loving Yourself in Stressful Situations	Discussion Board 4: Burnout and Resiliency as a Parent, Educator, and Counselor Quiz 4: Positive Psychology and Sociology - the Basics

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June 19 th	Adult Issues in Mental Health and Addiction	Discussion Board 5: Recovery and Relapse for Adults Quiz 5: What Sociology and Psychology Tells Us About Suicide
June 22 nd	Day 1 Conference Activities	Validate Full Day Attendance at Conference Daily Reflection 1
June 23 rd	Day 2 Conference Activities	Validate Full Day Attendance at Conference Daily Reflection 2
June 24 th	Day 3 Conference Activities	Validate Full Day Attendance at Conference Daily Reflection 3
June 25 th	Day 4 Conference Activities	Validate Full Day Attendance at Conference Daily Reflection 4
June 26 th	Day 5 Conference Activities	Validate Full Day Attendance at Conference Daily Reflection 5
June 29 th – July 3 rd	Review and Application	Reflection Paper Due May 29 th Analysis Paper Due May 29 th

Conference Schedule Outline

The conference runs during May June 22nd-26th from 8am to 5pm. Students are expected to attend each day of the conference. Your ability to fully attend all days and times of the conference is absolutely necessary for success in this course. Inability to attend will result in failure. You will be required to sign attendance sheets at each keynote address and breakout session. Students may be absent for only three hours out of the entire conference attendance

without penalty. Thereafter, attendance grade will be deducted by 20% for each additional hour of absence from the conference. All course assignments hinge upon conference attendance.

VISIT \rightarrow <u>http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=189182</u> for conference schedule.

IV. Evaluation Methods

Analysis: The instructor will provide hypothetical modified case study developed for research and/or clinical application on D2L that will relate to the conference proceedings. Students will be asked to apply the knowledge they have gained from their assigned textbook and assigned readings in the analysis of the case. There must be accurate citations made to appropriate course readings to support all main points of each analysis.

Discussion Board Assignment: Prior to attending the conference, students will prepare for their attendance by reviewing readings and participating in online discussions using Desire2Learn. Discussions will help ground students in readings and help provide a thorough introduction to the topics and material that will be elaborated upon in the conference setting.

Quizzes: Students will be asked to demonstrate their reading comprehension with online quizzes prior to the start of the conference. Quizzes will include multiple choice and/or short essay format. Online feedback to quizzes will be provided.

Brief Conference Papers: Students will be expected to provide an approximately 1500 word overview of what they learned from each day at the conference that was related specifically to addiction and counselling. These overviews must include appropriate citations to both the assigned reading units that are relevant to the conference theme of the day as well as to the presenters of specific conference sessions.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend the full proceedings of the conference. Your ability to fully attend all days and times of the conference is absolutely necessary for success in this course. You will be required to sign attendance sheets at each keynote address and breakout session. Students may be absent for only three clock hours out of the entire conference attendance without penalty. Thereafter, attendance grade (100 pts) will be deducted by 20% for each additional hour of absence.

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Case Analysis	(100 points)	= 100
Discussion Boards	(20 points each) x 5	= 100
Quizzes	(20 points each) x 5	= 100
Brief Conference Papers	(20 points each) x 4	= 100
Attendance	(deduction based@20%)	= 100

V. Grading Scale

A: 90% or higher B: 80-89%	C: 70-79%	F: 69% or lower
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VI. Attendance Policy

IUP expects students to attend class. University policy permits students unexcused absences without penalty as follows: three clock hours for a three credit course. Additional hours of absence from the course will be excused at the discretion of the instructor for physician documented illness, death/traumatic accident of immediate relative, or university sponsored activity.

VII. Required textbooks, supplemental books and readings

Kuhn, Cynthia, Scott Swartzwelder, and Wilkie Wilson. (2008) *Buzzed: the straight facts about the most used and abused drugs from alcohol to ecstasy*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Additional required readings (see bibliography) will be made available for viewing on D2L course site.

VIII. Special Resource Requirements

Technology Skills and Software

Students enrolled in this course should possess the following technology skills:

- The ability to access information via the Web
- The ability to use an appropriate web based instructional software such
- The ability to use word processing software
- The ability to use Internet communication tools, specifically e-mail
- The ability to demonstrate appropriate online conduct
- The ability to use Desire to Learn (D2L) and its associated tools, including discussion/chat, grades, and assignment submission features

Technical Support

Technical support for computer issues and technology related to this course is available from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania IT Support Center (724-357-4000, G-35 Delaney Hall). When you contact them you should be prepared to give specific details regarding your technical issue(s), including what you were doing before the error occurred and the exact text of any error messages received. If you experience issues outside of the normal IT Support Center hours, you can also submit your error or question via e-mail at it-supportcenter@iup.edu or via electronic form available online in Moodle.

Disability Services

If you are a student who has a documented disability and need special accommodations, the instructor will work with you to provide reasonable accommodation to ensure you a fair opportunity to perform in this class. Please advise the instructor in the first week of the semester regarding the disability and the desired accommodations.

IUP is committed to ensuring equal access to education as intended by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Disability Support Services provides services to students with disabilities of all kinds, including learning, physical, hearing, vision, or psychological. Students who plan to request accommodations should contact the Disability Support Services Office at the beginning of each semester. To determine whether you qualify for accommodations, or if you have questions about services and procedures for students with disabilities contact: Office of Disability Support Services, 216 Pratt Hall, 724-357-4067.

Academic Integrity

IUP students are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. You are responsible for knowing and abiding by the IUP Academic Integrity Policy, (website: http://www.iup.edu/teachingexcellence/nfo/acadintegrity.shtm). Practicing academic integrity means you do not:

- Provide or receive unauthorized assistance in coursework
- Use unauthorized materials and resources during quizzes and tests.
- Possess course examination materials without the prior knowledge of the instructor.
- Plagiarize
- Engage in behaviors that are disruptive or threatening to others.

• Use computer technology in any way other than for the purposes intended for the course. Please note that Dr. Berman will use a variety of technologies to check the authenticity of student work. Violations of academic integrity will be handled per IUP's Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures. Failure to comply with the policies and procedures may result in a decrease in grade, involuntary withdrawal from an academic program, suspension, expulsion, or rescission of a conferred degree. IUP's full policy on academic integrity is available in the Undergraduate Catalog under Academic Policies at

http://www.iup.edu/registrar/catalog/default.aspx.

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