

Anthropology 32 (cross-listed with STS): Drugs, Science, and Culture

Fall 2016 course

CRN #'s (6 sections): 54412-54417

Lecture: TR 6:10-7:30 PM, GE Credit: SS, VL, VE



Drugs, Science, and Culture explores the promise and peril of drugs. Legal, illegal, and pharmaceutical drugs are examined for how they are studied and produced scientifically in both the United States and abroad, with an emphasis on the factors that pattern their commercial production.

Throughout the session, the class will also engage different case studies with an eye to how drugs are culturally consumed and to how they travel and are regulated in different socio-cultural contexts.

We will make sense of the roles of science, government and the media in shifting attitudes toward alcohol, marijuana, Prozac and other pharmaceuticals; as well as the institutional mechanisms like laws, trade policies, and diagnostic protocols that govern and regulate them.