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ENG 3504-001: Drugs, Death, and Toxins

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DRUGS, DEATH, AND TOXINS

1. **Course objectives**

   To try to fathom the mysteries of the marriage and/or divorce of what we crave and what we fear (our DDT); to learn to watch films more closely; to share personal aesthetic responses with other thoughtful people.

2. **Course content**

   A variety of films in which DDT is central to "aesthetic meanings."

3. **Writing requirements**

   Weekly or bi-weekly quizzes based on discussion and films viewed in class (7 questions for each quiz); a journal (at least 200 words for each class period), clearly dated and typed or written legibly every-other-line (illegible journals will be graded "F"); a final "take-home" style exam/term paper (2500-3000 words), focused on the main theme(s) of the course.

4. **Final grade**

5. The final grade will be determined by weighing the various requirements as follows:

   Quizzes: 25%
   Journal: 35%
   Final paper: 25%
   Class participation: 15%

6. **Attendance**

   Not required (but quizzes can not be made up without an excused absence, and the quality of your daily journal—concreteness, originality, consistency—represents a major part of your grade).

7. **Studies with disabilities**

   If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

8. **Please understand, before continuing your enrollment in this course, that crude, lewd, vulgar language and conceptions may emerge in class discussions and in some of the films viewed."