

# CMRJ526

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## Course Summary

**Course :** CMRJ526 **Title :** Drug Cartels and the Narcotics Threat

**Length of Course :** 8

**Prerequisites :** N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

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## Description

**Course Description:** This course covers the development of the drug cartels and their organization, production, and distribution networks. This course will focus on the regions known as the Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent, and the drugs that are typically manufactured and transported from these areas. This course also provides an overview of U.S. counter-drug efforts and basic information on illicit drugs. Additionally this course provides an historical overview of drug trafficking including a focus on the opium wars in China.

### Course Scope:

The scope of this class will analyze the history of the international drug trade and the war on drugs. Particular focus will be on the impact of colonization, the culture of drug producing regions, the organization of smuggling operations and U.S. involvement in the international drug trade system. This class will provide the student with the ability to understand the complex dynamics that exist within the world's drug problem.

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## Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

CO1: Trace the origin and history of opium throughout history

CO2: Examine the impact of the First Opium War and the role that England, France, and the United States played in the proliferation of opium in the Far East

CO3: Examine how world events led to the proliferation of opium around the globe

CO4: Trace the origin, history, and cultivation of the Coca Leaf

CO5: Examine how and why the Coca Leaf developed from a cultural product to an illicit drug

CO6: Examine and trace how the United States and other nations began the fight against organized crime, cartels, and narcotics' kingpins

CO7: Examine the fight against violence and terror on the Southwest Border of the United States as a result of cartels and narcotics' kingpins

CO8: Examine U.S. Drug Policy

CO9: Examine and understand how opium and the coca leaf became global commodities

CO10: Examine how geography and topography played significant roles in the proliferation of opium and the coca leaf on several continents

CO11: Examine and understand how narcotics has influenced the economy of the Far East, Middle East, South America, Central America, and North America

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## Outline

### **Week 1: The Opium Kings: Opium Throughout History**

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#### Learning Objectives

Weekly content will address specific learning objectives for each course. Learning objectives covered each week are specified in the course site.

#### Readings

Weekly lesson and assigned readings are available in the course site.

### **Week 2: The First Opium War**

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#### Readings

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### **Week 3: Opium Goes Global**

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#### Readings

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### **Week 4: History and development of the Coca Leaf**

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## Readings

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### **Week 5: Cocaine Rising and Cocaine Falling**

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#### Learning Objectives

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#### Readings

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### **Week 6: Narcotics Control: How the U. S. and other nations began the fight against narcotics kingpins, cartels, and organized crime**

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### **Week 7: The Line in the Sand**

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#### Readings

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### **Week 8: Violence and Mexican Drug Cartels**

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#### Readings

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## **Evaluation**

### Forums

Instructions and grading expectations for all forums will appear in the Forums section of the course site.

## Assignment(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all assignments will appear in the Assignments section of the course site.

## Exam(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all exams will appear in the Tests & Quizzes section of the course site.

## Grading:

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## Materials

**Book Title:** Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

**Author:**

**Publication Info:**

**ISBN:** N/A

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## Course Guidelines

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