This course offers an overview of social, economic, political, legal, and ethical considerations surrounding the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs in the United States.

This lecture will discuss and evaluate varying philosophies and perspectives on substance use, emphasizing a comprehensive bio-psycho-social framework; encourage discussion about the patterns, causes, and effects of substance use disorders in the United States; give attention to the impact of cultural factors on alcohol and other drug use; and highlight the presence of stigma and discrimination against persons who struggle with substance use.

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