

Drugs, Health and Human Rights

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Brief course description

The aim of this course is to provide insight into the international drug control system; the impact of the war on drugs on health and human rights; and what civil society, governments and international agencies have done to address these issues.

The course objectives include:

1. Recall facts, figures and misconceptions about drug use.
2. Recognize the diversity of national drug policies under a unique International Drug Control Framework.
3. Describe the impacts of prohibition-based policies on health, human rights and development.
4. Understand the important role of civil society and people who use drugs in designing and implementing drug policies.
5. Describe alternative drug policies including decriminalization and regulation of drugs and their outcomes.

This course is partly based on the MOOC "Drugs, drug use, drug policy and health", of the University of Geneva.