

DRUGS IN U.S. HISTORY

AMH 3930—002

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This class examines the history of drugs in the United States from the colonial period to the present. Among other topics, we will ask ourselves: What are drugs, and why do people use them? Why are some drugs legal and other drugs illegal? What is the difference between “recreational” and “medical” use? What are the risks associated with drug use, and how can we minimize them? Should people who use illegal drugs be put in prison? Should people who refuse to be vaccinated? Why?

