Drug use, abuse course scheduled at UM winter quarter

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MISSOULA--

Two University of Montana professors will continue the UM Extension Division's course sequence in drug use and abuse during winter quarter on the Missoula campus.

Teaching during the one-night-a-week program beginning Jan. 6 will be Dr. Victor H. Duke, professor of pharmacology, and Dr. Robert R. Zimmermann, a psychology professor. Registration will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 in room 109 of the Chemistry-Pharmacy Building.

Winter quarter discussions will concentrate on alcohol as a drug under two course listings, Psychology 491 or Pharmacy 599. The course may be taken for two graduate or undergraduate credits, or area residents may enroll as listeners. Credit may not be applied, however, toward a major for a degree in pharmacy or psychology.

"Alcohol problems continue to be the major drug problem in the United States, even though recent attention has been given to problems with other less socially acceptable drugs," Dr. Zimmermann said.

During winter quarter Dr. Duke will discuss the biology and pharmacology of alcohol and Dr. Zimmermann will outline the basic psychological processes that underlie the development of abnormal drinking patterns and abnormal behavior associated with drinking.

"The roles that personality factors, culture and ethnic backgrounds play in the appearance and maintenance of alcohol problems will be covered in great detail," Dr. Zimmermann explained.

The alcohol course will close with a survey of the methods of management and prevention of alcoholism.