SOC G185: ANALYSIS OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Item	Value
Top Code	220800 - Sociology
Units	3 Total Units
Hours	54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Grading Policy	Standard Letter (S), • Pass/No Pass (B)
Local General Education (GE)	• GWC Soc, Pol, Econ (GD)
Diversity Requirement (GCD)	Yes
California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)	• Cal-GETC 4 Social & Behavioral Sciences (4) • Cal-GETC 4J Sociology (4J)
Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)	• IGETC 4 Social&Behavioral Sci (4) • IGETC 4J Sociology (4J)
California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth)	• CSU D0 Sociology & Criminology (D0)

Course Description

This course provides an analysis of contemporary social problems. Topics include global ecology, political economy, sexual behavior, drug use, racism, sexism, ageism, education, environment, health issues, crime, and violence. Transfer Credit: CSU; UC. C-ID: SOCI 115. **C-ID:** SOCI 115.

Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Course Outcomes
2. Examine the role of power and ideology in the construction, consequences, and solutions of social problems.
3. Apply sociological theories to analyze the causes, consequences, and solutions to social problems.
4. Analyze both qualitative and quantitative data as it relates to examining social problems.
5. Evaluate how globalization shapes the nature and consequences of social problems.

Course Objectives

• 1. be introduced to the sociological approach to the study of social problems by presenting an overview of forms of deviant behavior and social disorganization.
• 2. learn how sociologists identify, acquire and interpret data in order to understand and explain social problems.
• 3. define the major concepts used in the analysis of social problems and describe the major tools.
• 4. evaluate various proposed solutions to social problems with the use of factual data and theoretical frameworks.

Lecture Content

Foundations - Understanding Social Problems Personal vs. Social Problems The Sociological Approach Theoretical Explanations Myths and Facts: How Do We Know. Problems of Deviance Sexual Deviance a. Homosexuality b. Prostitution Drugs and Alcohol Health Care - Illness; Physical and Mental Crime and Delinquency a. The varieties of crime b. The extent of crime and delinquency c. Crime, delinquency and the quality of life d. Contributing factors e. What is to be done. Violence Problems of Inequality Health and Poverty Work The Aged Sex Inequality: The Problems of Women Racial Minorities Education Family Problems a. Broken-single-headed families b. Family violence c. Generation Gap Global Social Problems War a. War and the quality of life b. Contributing factors c. What is to be done. Ecology and Population

Method(s) of Instruction

• Lecture (02)
• DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
• DE Online Lecture (02X)

Reading Assignments

1. Textbook reading, Social Problems and the Quality of Life, Robert H. Lauer 2. Assigned Readings

Writing Assignments

Term Paper- each paper will include the following: 1. Statement of the social problem 2. Background information (library research) 3. Proposed solution(s)4. Social consequences of the solution(s)

Out-of-class Assignments

Work required outside of the classroom includes the following: 1. Textbook assignments 2. Library research for term paper

Demonstration of Critical Thinking

The material covered in this course will require the student to analyze social problems from a scientific frame of reference. They will also evaluate various solutions suggested to deal with such problems. In the process the students will be required to evaluate their own biases.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

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Eligible Disciplines

Sociology: Masters degree in sociology OR bachelors degree in sociology AND masters degree in anthropology, any ethnic studies, social work, or psychology OR the equivalent. Masters degree required.

Textbooks Resources

1. Required Mooney, Know Schact. Understanding Social Problems, 8th ed. Wadsworth/Cengage Learning, 2013

Other Resources

1. Student Study Guide