

SOCI-2310 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL PROBLEMS 3 CREDITS

SYLLABUS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course studies the nature, scope, and effects of social problems and their solutions. The course will concentrate on sociological perspectives, theories, and key concepts when investigating problems, such as inequality, poverty, racism, alienation, family life, sexuality, gender, urbanization, work, aging, crime, war and terrorism, environmental degradation, and mass media. This course is designed to build students' sociological understanding of how sociological approaches attempt to clarify various issues confronting contemporary life, as well as how sociologists view solutions to these problems.

Formerly: SOCI 210

Prerequisites: SOCI-1110. ENGL-099 and (RDNG-099 OR RDNG-113) or appropriate English and Reading Accuplacer scores.

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

COMMON STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...

BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...

1. Identify and discuss examples of human social organization such as families, communities, and groups through the sociological perspective.
2. Identify and discuss challenges to these social organizations such as racism, violence, and pollution, through the sociological perspective.
3. Utilize course content and observations in these communities to critically construct realistic interventions and solutions to these social problems.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in analyzing social issues as they pertain to your social reality.