

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Sociology 205 Contemporary Social Problems
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Trevino, Javier. *Investigating Social Problems*. 2nd ed. California: SAGE Publishing, 2018
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: SOC 2010 Social Problems

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course surveys current social problems from a sociological perspective. Areas of emphasis include the subjective and objective aspects of social problems, social policy, and the relationship between social problems and the structures of the societies in which they occur.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Differentiate between a “social problem” versus a “personal trouble”
- B. Analyze the micro and macro dimensions of social problems utilizing sociological theories and evidence
- C. Describe how social problems are associated with patterns of social inequality
- D. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of solutions to a social problem utilizing the sociological perspective
- E. Evaluate the relationships between social problems and the policies and practices of social institutions

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Sociology’s basic approach
- B. Problems of social inequality
- C. Problems of deviances, conformity, and well-being
- D. Global problems

I. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Topic discussions
- C. Journal
- D. Semester project
- E. Quizzes and exams

II. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Topic discussions
- C. Journal
- D. Semester project
- E. Quizzes and exams