SOC 201 - MODERN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Course Description

This course presents an introductory sociological analysis of causes, changes in, and attempts to effectively treat some of the major problems in contemporary American society. These include: hunger, environmental problems, poverty, crime and delinquency, family problems, and homelessness. Service Learning projects are encouraged. Group 1 course.

Credit Hours

3

Contact Hours

3

Lecture Hours

3

Recommended Prerequisites or Skills Competencies

Placement into ENG 111/11

General Education Outcomes supported by this course

Communications - Direct

Other college designations supported by this course

Degree Req:Cultural Persp/Div, Infused: Writing Intensive

Course Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:
- Describe basic social theories.
- Relate course contextual information to trends in cultural, political, and economic life.
- Discuss the varying perspectives of sociology and the corresponding analyses of modern social problems.

Application:
- Apply concepts, research skills, and theoretical perspectives to analyzing and solving modern social problems.
- Analyze personal and social life.

Integration:
- Explore patterns of social and economic forces like globalization, technological change, social change and institutional problems as they relate to modern social problems.
- Conduct studies of social problems across the world including social-scientific and ethnographic studies.

Human Dimension:
- Identify personal and institutional biases, prejudices and assumptions that encapsulate diverse social groups social problems.

Caring - Civic Learning:
- Investigate the importance of social and civic engagement in solving challenges facing contemporary American society.
- Apply empathy to perceive the diverse patterns associated with varied life chances people experience.

Learning How to Learn:
- Practice metacognition in their reflective journal writings.