

SOC 2 Course Outline as of Fall 2023**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: SOC 2

Title: MODERN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Full Title: Modern Social Problems

Last Reviewed: 4/25/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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 Limits on Enrollment:
 Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.
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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 1981	
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2010	
	D0	Sociology and Criminology		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1991	Fall 2010
	D0	Sociology and Criminology		
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology		
	D4	Gender Studies		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1981	Fall 1991
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology		
	D4	Gender Studies		

IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 1981	
	4J	Sociology and Criminology		

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

CID:
 CID Descriptor: SOCI 115 Social Problems
 SRJC Equivalent Course(s): SOC2

Certificate/Major Applicable:
 Both Certificate and Major Applicable

Approval and Dates

Version:	06	Course Created/Approved:	8/1/1981
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Version Term Effective:	Fall 2023	Term Inactive:	

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Analyze major social problems in modern society using sociological terms and theoretical perspectives.
2. Critically evaluate proposed solutions to modern social problems.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Define and explain social problems from a sociological perspective.
2. Analyze trends in poverty and wealth in the United States and the world.
3. Summarize the major issues for racial and ethnic group relations.
4. Evaluate the role of gender in the policies of contemporary social institutions.
5. Compare the health policies of the United States to those of other nations.
6. Summarize structural changes in the U.S. economy including the effects of deindustrialization and the rise of information technology.
7. Analyze the foundations of educational inequality.
8. Identify the impact of environmental issues on the society.
9. Compare and contrast corporate crime with street crime.

Topics and Scope:

I. Sociological Approaches to the Explanation of Social Problems

- A. Structural-Functionalism
- B. Conflict Theory
- C. Social Constructionism
- D. The role of power in defining problems and solutions

II. Poverty and Wealth

- A. The relationship between wealth, power, and poverty
- B. Global issues related to wealth and poverty
- C. Policy responses to poverty

III. Race and Ethnic Inequality

- A. Issues in group relations
- B. Prejudice and discrimination
- C. Governmental policies and political stances

IV. Gender Inequality

- A. Historical and current trends
- B. Global stratification issues

V. Sexual Orientation

- A. Historical and current trends
- B. Discrimination

VI. Crime and Criminal Justice

- A. The criminal justice system
- B. Street crime
- C. White collar and corporate crime

VII. Environmental Social Problems

- A. Domestic issues
- B. Globalization and environmental problems

VIII. Economic Social Problems

- A. Work and the workplace
- B. Unemployment
- C. Globalization trends
- D. Deindustrialization and the rise of information technology

IX. Education

- A. Inequalities of funding and segregation
- B. Academic performance issues
- C. Governmental responses and directions

X. Health and Mental Health

- A. Health care delivery system

- B. Mental health care delivery system
- C. Health and diversity issues
- D. Medicalization of social problems

Assignment:

1. Weekly reading (20-40 pages)
2. Exams (2-4) and a final exam based on readings and lectures
3. A written term paper of 1250-2500 words demonstrating the ability to analyze a social problem sociologically and to use sociological research methods

Additional assignments may include:

1. Topical news analysis journal
2. Oral presentations
3. Group projects

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Term paper, Journal, Forum posts, or other short writing assignments

Writing
40 - 60%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations
0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Essay Exams, Completion

Exams
40 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Oral presentations, group projects

Other Category
0 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Social Problems. 7th edition. Leon-Guerrero, Anna. Sage. 2022

Social Problems. 13th edition. Eitzen, Stanley; Baca Zinn, Maxine; and Eitzen, Kelly E. Pearson. 2014 (Classic)

Social Problems. A Down to Earth Approach. 13th edition. Henslin, James. Pearson. 2020
Social Problems in a Diverse Society. 7th edition. Kendall, Diana. Pearson. 2019

OTHER REQUIRED ELEMENTS

STUDENT PREPARATION

Matric Assessment Required:	E	Requires English Assessment
Prerequisites-generate description:	NP	No Prerequisite
Advisories-generate description:	A	Auto-Generated Text
Prereq-provisional:	N	NO
Prereq/coreq-registration check:	N	No Prerequisite Rules Exist
Requires instructor signature:	N	Instructor's Signature Not Required

BASIC INFORMATION, HOURS/UNITS & REPEATABILITY

Method of instruction:	02	Lecture
	72	Internet-Based, Delayed Interaction
	71	Internet-Based, Simultaneous Interaction
Area department:	BEHSC	Behavioral Sciences
Division:	79	Behavioral Science and Social Sciences
Special topic course:	N	Not a Special Topic Course
Program status:	1	Both Certificate and Major Applicable
Repeatability:	00	Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Repeat group id:		

SCHEDULING

Audit allowed:	N	Not Auditable
Open entry/exit:	N	Not Open Entry/Open Exit
Credit by exam:	N	Credit by examination not allowed
Budget code: Program:	0000	Unrestricted
Budget code: Activity:	2001	Behavioral Science

OTHER CODES

Discipline:	Sociology	
Basic skills:	N	Not a Basic Skills Course
Level below transfer:	Y	Not Applicable
CVU/CVC status:	Y	Distance Ed, Not CVU/CVC Developed
Distance Ed Approved:	Y	Either online or hybrid, as determined by instructor
Emergency Distance Ed Approved:	Y	Fully Online Partially Online Online with flexible in-person activities
Credit for Prior Learning:	N	Agency Exam
	N	CBE
	N	Industry Credentials
	N	Portfolio
Non-credit category:	Y	Not Applicable, Credit Course
Classification:	Y	Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses
SAM classification:	E	Non-Occupational
TOP code:	2208.00	Sociology
Work-based learning:	N	Does Not Include Work-Based Learning
DSPS course:	N	Not a DSPS Course

In-service:

N

Not an in-Service Course