



SOC 212: The Sociology of Social Problems

This course focuses on the structure and dimensions of social problems confronting populations both in the United States and across the globe. Emphasis is placed on the problems of global poverty, work and unemployment, gender and racial inequities, environmental degradation, crime and drug addictions, disease and health care delivery, civil conflicts, and terrorism. The course attempts to understand the social structural causes of these problems and explores potential solutions. Prerequisite: A passing score on the College's writing and reading placement tests or C or better or concurrent enrollment in ENG 091 or ENG 092. Three lecture hours per week. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Ethical Dimensions, Global and Historic Awareness and Multicultural and Social Perspectives.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the sociological understanding of ways in which social structures create, maintain and exacerbate social problems. 2. Analyze the interrelationships between and among social problems, particularly those of a global nature and the ways in which they impact national and local social problems. 3. Advocate for a milieu that encourages civic and global awareness, empowerment of citizenship and identity, and civic participation and action. 4. Analyze social structures and the ways in which they impact personal lives and communities.

Credits: 3

Program: Sociology