

MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. SOC

COURSE NUMBER: 1102

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT 0

Course Title:

Social Problems

Catalog Description:

Social Problems offers students the opportunity to examine societal impact and process of identification; use critical thinking skills for analysis of causation and exploration of potential solutions to present day problems in contemporary societies such as crime and delinquency, discrimination and racism, education, familial issues, government, physical and mental health, poverty, roots of group inequality, war and environmental issues. Explores the significance and current policies of action.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:

None

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: X by meeting the following competencies:

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientist use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 7: Human Diversity: X by meeting the following competencies:

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States history and culture
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts, and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions of many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

Topics to be Covered

Understanding Social Problems

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Crime and Delinquency

Violence

Sexual Deviance

Poverty

Gender and Sexual Orientation

Race, Ethnic Groups, and Racism

Government and Politics

Work and Economy

Education

Family

Healthcare and Illness

War and Terrorism

The Environment

Student Learning Outcomes

Describe the major concepts and principles across subfields of sociology

Define social problems

Identify patterns of social problems

Discuss crime and legal issues

Apply problem solving techniques

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes No ***If yes, please list the competencies below**

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