

Social Problems

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Required Text: Linda A Mooney, David Knox, and Caroline Schacht. 2007.
Understanding Social Problems. 5th ed. (Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth)

Course Description: This class will acquaint the student with the major social problems facing the country and the world. The course is intended to provide the student with an appreciation of the social, economic, political, and religious aspects of problems that impact upon humanity and the physical environment. The students will develop an understanding of the diversity and patterns of social interaction.

Learning Outcomes:

1. After taking this class the student will be able to identify and define major social problems in society. LO-3
2. After taking this class the student will be able to define major sociological terms and theories. LO-2
3. After taking this class the student will have experience in presenting ideas in a class discussion format. LO-1
4. After taking this class the student will have experience in critical thinking. LO-7

Course Requirements: Students are expected to attend class regularly and to complete the required reading assignments by the scheduled date. If for any reason you cannot attend class you must email me by 4:30. I will allow only 2 absences under these conditions. If you fail to email that you will not be able to attend class your grade will be lowered by one half a letter grade. Dates for the assignments are tentatively listed in the class schedule and any changes will be announced in class. Students who miss class sessions are responsible to obtain class material and to be aware of any announcements made in class regarding scheduling of assignments and exams.

Promptness is necessary for examinations. Students will not be allowed to take the exam if they arrive after the first person has turned in his or her exam. This is to ensure academic honesty. Each student is required to read and abide by the Department of Sociology and Criminology policy on Academic Integrity.

<http://www.westga.edu/~soccrim/AcademicIntegrityPolicy.htm>

This policy will be **strictly** enforced.

Special Needs: If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.

Course Grading:

There are three (3) tests that will be given on the scheduled dates. These tests are a mixture of questions and will cover the material in the text and class discussions. Each test is worth 33% of the grade. The remaining one percent will be awarded to those with perfect attendance. 90-100% = A; 80 -89% = B; 70 – 79% = C; 60 – 69% = D; 0 – 59% = F

There is no extra credit designed into this course.

Tentative Class Schedule:

August	14	Orientation
	21	Chapters 1&2
	28	Chapter 3
September	4	Labor Day – No Classes
	11	Chapter 4
	18	Chapter 5
	25	Test One
October	2	Chapters 6&7
	9	Fall Break – No Classes
	16	Chapters 8&9
	23	Chapters 10&11
	30	Test Two
November	6	Chapter 12&13
	13	Chapters 14-15
	20	Chapter 16
	27	Test Three