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FALL 2016
ADVANCED SOCIAL PROBLEM
ONLINE- UTEP CONNECT-BLACKBOARD

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YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.

REQUIRED TEXT

Social Problems: Community, Policy, and Social Action, 5th edition Anna Leon-Guerrero

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to move beyond the basic concepts used by sociologists to analyze various aspects of social life. We will examine specific social problems with specific reference to their origins, development, and suggested solutions.

COURSE GOALS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the foundations within contemporary social problems and sociological theory.
2. The student will demonstrate an understanding of social problems related to various social institutions.
3. The student will demonstrate an understanding of how social inequality contributes to the development of various social problems.
4. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the broad implications of social problems related to health and well-being.
5. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the emergence of social problems relative to social change.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. The preferred method of communication should be through email to recallaway@utep.edu from your @miners.utep.edu account. During the weekday before 8pm, you should expect a response from me within three hours. After 8pm, you should expect a response by 10am the following morning. Responses may take longer on the weekend.
- All information related to due dates for activities and assignments are in the course organizer. **I will not post announcements to remind you of due dates for course work.**
- You will be expected to interact regularly with your classmates through discussion board posts. Refer again to the course organizer for due dates.
- Times for all deadlines are 11:59pm Mountain Time (local time for El Paso, Texas). **Please recognize that all submissions after 11:59.01pm will automatically be marked late and may not be graded since late work is not accepted in this course. Plan accordingly to submit all work on time.**
- I intend to grade and post grades for assignments and tests within two days of their due date.

ONLINE “NETIQUETTE”:

- Always consider your audience. Remember that members of the class and the instructor will read any postings.
- Respect and courtesy must be provided to classmates and to the instructor at all times. No harassment or inappropriate postings will be tolerated.
- When reacting to someone else’s message, address the ideas, not the person. Post only what anyone would comfortably state in a face-to-face classroom setting.
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GRADING CRITERIA:

Your Final Course Grade will be assigned on a 1000 point scale as follows:

895+ pts = A

795-894 pts = B

695-794 pts = C

600-694 pts = D

<600 pts = F

YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL RESULT FROM POINTS YOU EARN ON:

A.) Orientation Quiz **5 pts** **Total 5 pts**

This quiz is found at the “Start Here” tab within the orientation lesson and consists of 10 questions.

B.) Chapter Quiz (15 of 17) **15 pts each** **Total 225 pts**

Please refer to the attached course organizer/outline for quiz schedule. Chapter quizzes will consist of 15 randomly selected multiple-choice and true/false questions. You will have only one (1) attempt and 20 minutes to complete each quiz. **The lowest two (2) quiz grades will be dropped.**

C.) Discussion Board (17 of 18) **10 pts each** **Total 170 pts**

A **minimum** of three posts are required within each discussion board forum. Initial posts are 5pts each. Each reply post is worth 2.5pts. **Posts must demonstrate an understanding of and objective application of terms and concepts in chapter readings.** Posts must also address everything asked of you. **The lowest one (1) forum grade will be dropped.**

D.) Exams (4 of 5) **125 pts each** **Total 500 pts**

Chapter exams will consist of 50 randomly selected multiple-choice and true/false questions. You will have only 1 attempt and 75 minutes to complete each chapter exam. The comprehensive final exam will consist of 100 randomly selected multiple-choice and true/false questions covering all 17 chapters. You will have only 1 attempt and 150 minutes to complete the final exam.

The lowest one (1) exam grade will be dropped.

E. Visual Essay **100 pts each** **Total 100 pts**

Specific instructions for this assignment will be found under the Visual Essay tab.

Total 1000pts

Your final grade in the course will be based on points earned, not percentage.

Make-Up and/or Late Work & Extra Credit:

No exceptions will be made for the times or dates work is assigned or due. Work submitted after the 11:59pm submission time on the respective due date will be considered late and may not be graded. You will not be allowed to make up any missed work or exams since the lowest (2) chapter quiz, (1) discussion board and (1) exam grade are dropped.

Exceptions to these policies, **although highly unlikely**, will be considered on a case by case basis. There will be no additional opportunities for extra credit made available to you this semester.

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2016

22 Aug 16	Classes Begin
05 Sept 16	Labor Day Holiday
07 Sept 16	Census Date
28 Oct 16	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
24 -25 Nov	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
01 Dec 16	Last Day of Classes
07 Dec 16	Final Exam

COURSE ORGANIZER/OUTLINE:

Week	Lesson Name Date Available	Topics	Activities & Due Dates <i>All due by 11:59pm on due date</i>
1	Orientation Introductions Ch 1 Sa 20 Aug	Introductions Navigating Blackboard Studying Social Problems	Read Orientation, Chapter 1 Initial DB post Su 28 Aug 2 reply posts Su 28 Aug Orientation & Quiz 1 Su 28 Aug
2 – 3	Ch 2 Ch 3 Ch 6 Sa 27 Aug	Social Class Race and Ethnicity Age and Aging	Read Chapters 2, 3, 6 Initial DB post Tu 06 Sep 2 reply DB posts Su 11 Sep Quiz 2, 3, 6 Su 11 Sep
	Exam 1 Sa 03 Sep	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6	Exam 1 W 14 Sep
4 – 5	Ch 4 Ch 5 Sa 10 Sep	Gender Sexual Orientation	Read Chapters 4, 5 Initial DB post Su 18 Sep 2 reply DB posts Su 25 Sep Quiz 4, 5 Su 25 Sep
6 – 7	Ch 7 Ch 8 Ch 9 Sa 24 Sep	Families Education Work and the Economy	Read Chapters 7, 8, 9 Initial DB post Su 02 Oct 2 reply DB posts Su 09 Oct Quiz 7, 8, 9 Su 09 Oct
	Exam 2 Sa 01 Oct	Chapters 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	Exam 2 W 12 Oct
8 – 9	Ch 10 Ch 11 Sa 08 Oct	Health and Medicine The Media	Read Chapters 10, 11 Initial DB post Su 16 Oct 2 reply DB posts Su 23 Oct Quiz 10, 11 Su 23 Oct
10 – 11	Ch 12 Ch 13 Ch 14 Sa 22 Oct	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Crime and Criminal Justice Urbanization	Read Chapters 12, 13, 14 Initial DB post Su 30 Oct 2 reply DB posts Su 06 Nov Quiz 7, 8, 9 Su 06 Nov
	Exam 3 Sa 29 Oct	Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Exam 3 W 09 Nov
12 – 13	Ch 15 Ch 16 Sa 05 Nov	The Environment War and Terrorism	Read Chapters 15, 16 Initial DB post Su 13 Nov 2 reply DB posts Su 20 Nov Quiz 15, 16 Su 20 Nov
	Exam 4 Sa 12 Nov	Chapters 15, 16	Exam 4 W 23 Nov
14 – 15	Ch 17 Overview Sa 19 Nov	Social Problems & Social Action Course Overview	Read Chapter 17, Overview Initial DB post Th 01 Dec 2 reply DB posts Th 01 Dec Quiz 17 Th 01 Dec
16	Visual Essay Sa 29 Oct	Power point must be uploaded before or by the due date.	Su 04 Dec
16	Final Exam Sa 26 Nov	Comprehensive (Chapters 1 – 17)	Exam 4 W 07 Dec

THE DUE DATE IS NOT NECESSARILY THE “TO-DO” DATE!!