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FALL 2017
ADVANCED SOCIAL PROBLEMS
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.
- Blackboard is not a public internet venue; all postings to it should be considered private and confidential. Whatever is posted in these online spaces is intended for classmates and professor only. Please do not copy documents and paste them to a publicly accessible website, blog or other space. If you wish to do so, you have the ethical obligation to first request permission from the author(s).

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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) **30 pts each** **Total 450 pts**
Please refer to the attached course organizer/outline for quiz schedule. Chapter quizzes will consist of 20 randomly selected multiple-choice and true/false questions. You will have two (2) attempts and twenty (20) minutes to complete each quiz. The higher of the two grades will be recorded in the gradebook.
The lowest two (2) quiz grades are dropped.

C.) Discussion Board (16 of 17) **15 pts each** **Total 240 pts**
A **minimum** of three posts are required within each discussion board forum. Initial posts are worth up to 10 pts each. Each reply post is worth up to 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) discussion grade is dropped.

Introduction DB forum	5 pts	Total 5 pts
Initial post 2.5 pts	1 Reply post 2.5 pts	

D.) Exams (2 of 3) **100 pts each** **Total 200 pts**
Chapter exams will consist of 50 randomly selected multiple-choice and true/false questions. You will have one (1) attempt and 75 minutes to complete each chapter exam.
The lowest one (1) exam grade is 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 a percentage.*****

*****Lowest grades are dropped from the beginning, not at the end, of the course.*****

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 11:59.00pm 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 **are highly unlikely** but 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 2017

28 Aug 17	Classes Begin	04 Sept 17	Labor Day Holiday
13 Sept 17	Census Date	03 Nov 17	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
23 -24 Nov	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	07 Dec 17	Last Day of Classes
11 Dec 17	Final Exam		

COURSE ORGANIZER/OUTLINE:

Week	Lesson Name	Topics	Activities & Due Dates <i>All due before 11:59pm on due date</i>
1 – 2	Orientation Introductions Ch 1 Ch 17	Introductions Navigating Blackboard Studying Social Problems Social Problems & Social Action	Read Orientation, Chapter 1, 17 Orientation Quiz Sa 02 Sep Intro DB posts Sa 02 Sep DB/Quiz 1, 17 Sa 09 Sep
3	Ch 2	Social Class	Read Chapter 2 DB/Quiz 2 Sa 16 Sep
4	Ch 3	Race and Ethnicity	Read Chapter 3 DB/Quiz 3 Sa 23 Sep
5	Ch 6 Ch 10	Age and Aging Health and Medicine	Read Chapters 6, 10 DB/Quiz 6, 10 Sa 30 Sep
	Exam 1	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 17	Exam 1 Tu 03 Oct
6	Ch 11	The Media	Read Chapter 11 DB/Quiz 11 Sa 07 Oct
7	Ch 7	Families	Read Chapter 7 DB/Quiz 7 Sa 14 Oct
8	Ch 8	Education	Read Chapter 8 DB/Quiz 8 Sa 21 Oct
9	Ch 9	Work and the Economy	Read Chapter 9 DB/Quiz 9 Sa 28 Oct
10	Ch 4 Ch 5	Gender Sexual Orientation	Read Chapters 4, 5 DB/Quiz 4, 5 Sa 04 Nov
	Exam 2	Chapters 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11	Exam 2 Tu 07 Nov
11	Ch 12 Ch 13	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Crime and Criminal Justice	Read Chapter 12, 13 DB/Quiz 12, 13 Sa 11 Nov
12	Ch 14	Urbanization	Read Chapters 14 DB/Quiz 14 Sa 18 Nov
13	Ch 15 *	The Environment ***** Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 23-24	Read Chapter 15 ***** DB/Quiz 15 *W 22 Nov*
14	Ch 16	War and Terrorism	Read Chapter 16 DB/Quiz 17 Sa 02 Dec
15	Overview	Course Overview	Read Overview Document DB M 04 Dec
15	Visual Essay	Power point must be uploaded before or by the due date.	Visual Essay Tu 05 Dec
	Exam 3	Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Exam 3 M 11 Dec

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

*****LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. MAKE-UPS ARE NOT ALLOWED*****