

**ADVANCED SOCIAL PROBLEMS
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SPRING 2017
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 (13) **25 pts each** **Total 325 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 only one (1) attempt and 30 minutes to complete each quiz.

C.) Discussion Board (13 of 14) **15 pts each** **Total 195 pts**

A **minimum** of three posts are required within each discussion board forum. Initial posts are 10pts 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 forum grade will be dropped.**

D.) Exams (3 of 4) **125 pts each** **Total 375 pts**

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 exam. The comprehensive final exam will cover all assigned chapters. **The lowest 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.

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

SPRING 2017

17 Jan 17	Classes Begin
01 Feb 17	Census Date
13 – 17 Mar	Spring Break – no classes
30 Mar 17	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
31 Mar 17	Cesar Chavez Holiday – no classes
14 Apr 17	Spring Study Day – no classes
04 May 17	Last Day of Classes
12 May 17	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 Tu 17 Jan	Introductions Navigating Blackboard	Read Orientation/ Syllabus Initial DB post Tu 24 Jan 2 reply posts Tu 24 Jan Orientation Quiz Tu 24 Jan
2 – 3	Ch 1 Ch 17 Tu 17 Jan	Studying Social Problems Social Problems & Social Action	Read Chapter 1 & 17 Initial DB post Th 02 Feb 2 reply DB posts Sa 04 Feb Quiz 1 & 17 Su 05 Feb
4 – 5	Ch 2 Ch 3 Sa 04 Feb	Social Class Race and Ethnicity	Read Chapters 2 & 3 Initial DB post Th 16 Feb 2 reply DB posts Sa 18 Feb Quiz 2 & 3 Su 19 Feb
	Exam 1 Sa 11 Feb	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 17	Exam 1 Th 23 Feb
6 – 7	Ch 4 Ch 5 Sa 18 Feb	Gender Sexual Orientation	Read Chapters 4 & 5 Initial DB post Th 02 Mar 2 reply DB posts Sa 04 Mar Quiz 4 & 5 Su 05 Mar
8	Ch 7 Sa 25 Feb	Families	Read Chapter 7 Initial DB post Th 09 Mar 2 reply DB posts Sa 11 Mar Quiz 7 Su 12 Mar
		SPRING BREAK MARCH 13 - 17	
9 - 10	Ch 9 Ch 10 Sa 18 Mar	Work and the Economy Health and Medicine	Read Chapters 9 & 10 Initial DB post Th 30 Mar 2 reply DB posts Sa 01 Apr Quiz 9 & 10 Su 02 Apr
	Exam 2 Sa 25 Mar	Chapters 4, 5, 7, 9, 10	Exam 2 Th 06 Apr
11 – 12	Ch 12 Ch 13 Sa 25 Mar	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Crime and Criminal Justice	Read Chapters 12 & 13 Initial DB post Th 13 Apr 2 reply DB posts Sa 15 Apr Quiz 12 & 13 Su 16 Apr
13 – 14	Ch 15 Ch 16 Sa 08 Apr	The Environment War and Terrorism	Read Chapters 15 & 16 Initial DB post Th 27 Apr 2 reply DB posts Sa 29 Apr Quiz 15 & 16 Su 30 Apr
15	Exam 3 Sa 15 Apr	Chapters 12, 13, 15, 16	Exam 3 Th 04 May
16	Sa 22 Apr	Course Overview	Read Course Overview Initial DB post Su 07 May 2 Reply DB posts Su 07 May
16	Visual Essay Sa 01 Apr	Power point must be uploaded before or by the due date.	M 08 May
16	Final Exam Sa 29 Apr	Comprehensive (Chapters 1 – 11)	Final Exam Th 11 May

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