

UTEP	ADVANCED SOCIAL PROBLEMS	SPRING 2020
	SOCI 3323-21760 & AFST 3390-24117	
	TR 1:30pm – 2:50pm EDUC 318	

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**Instructor:** Roc Callaway**Office:** Old Main 209**Office Phone:** 747-6525**Office Hours:** MTWR 10am – 11:30am and MW 1:30pm – 3:30pm**Email:** recallaway@utep.edu (please use your @miners.utep.edu account)**T.A.:** Crystal Rodriguez **Office:** Old Main 309 **Office Phone:** 747-6508**PLEASE REFER TO THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE CONTACTING ME.****YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.****REQUIRED TEXT & SUPPLIES:***Social Problems: Community Policy, and Social Action 6th ed.*, by Anna Leon-Guerrero, Sage Publishers 2019**EARLIER EDITIONS OF THIS TEXTBOOK ARE NOT RECOMMENDED****INSTRUCTOR'S OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS:**

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

Course Goals and Learning Outcomes

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of contemporary social problems.
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.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES:**ADA Statement on Discrimination and Disability Support Services:**

If you need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass. *CASS' Staff are the only individuals who can validate and, if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.*

ATTENDANCE:

You should make an effort to ATTEND EVERY CLASS. Arriving prepared and participating in discussions and group or individual work will contribute to your success in this class. This is the major element of your participation grade. Please arrive on time and remain until I dismiss you. It is up to you to be in class when work is assigned and collected. Any assignments due at the beginning of class must be submitted by 1:30.00pm, and must be submitted by you. There is no “grace period”. If you arrive late (after 1:30.01pm) it is highly unlikely your work will be accepted. Students who submit work then leave before class ends will be considered absent and will not receive credit for the assignment.

All absences are considered unexcused; there is no need for you to provide evidence to explain your absence. Except where UTEP policy dictates otherwise, make-ups will not be allowed for any work missed during your absence.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

Please refer to the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures for information about conduct, appeals, student’s rights and responsibilities.

You are advised that materials to be discussed in class may be, to some, offensive or controversial. I expect that we will conduct ourselves as adults and with respect for differences of thought and opinion and with respect for ourselves and peers. I reserve the right to dismiss students who are disrupting class in any form. Eating, talking out of turn or to your neighbor instead of adding to the discussion, packing to leave before you are dismissed and sending/reading messages on phones or other devices are some examples of disruptive behavior that may result in you being asked to leave. **All electronic devices should be turned off or placed on silent and kept out of sight during class.** I reserve the right to answer your phone should it ring during class. Continued instances of any disruptive, disorderly or disrespectful behavior may result in further action including the student being dropped from the course.

Audio/video recordings are not allowed.

Academic dishonesty in any form will neither be tolerated or ignored and will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your Final Course Grade is assigned on a 1000-point scale as follows:

905 – 1000 points = A	805 – 904 points = B	
705 – 804 points = C	605 – 704 points = D	<605 points = F

FINAL GRADES WILL RESULT FROM POINTS EARNED ON:

A.) Chapter Quiz (11 of 12)	25 points each	Total 275 points
B.) Activities/Participation	Varied points	Total 185 points
C.) Visual Essay	100 points	Total 100 points
D.) Group Project	200 points	Total 200 points
E.) Exams (2)	120 points each	Total 240 points
		<u>Total 1000 points</u>

*****Your final grade is based on points earned, not a percentage.*****

*****The lowest quiz grade is 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. You will not be allowed to make up any missed assignments. Note that one quiz grade is dropped and will not affect your overall grade.

Extra credit will not be offered.

Exceptions to any policy, although unlikely, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SPRING 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

21 Jan 20	Classes Begin
05 Feb 20	Census Date
16 – 20 Mar	Spring Break
27 Mar 20	Cesar Chavez Holiday
03 Apr 20	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
14 May 20	Final Assignment/Class End

CHAPTER QUIZ INSTRUCTIONS**25 points each**

Chapter quizzes will be completed online within Blackboard. Quizzes must be submitted before 11:59pm on their respective due dates (typically Thursday night). Each quiz will consist of 25 randomly selected true/false and multiple-choice questions. You will have two (2) attempts and thirty (30) minutes to complete each quiz.

The result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.

Quiz	Due by 11:59pm Thursday:	Quiz	Due by 11:59pm Thursday:
1	January 30 th	8	March 26 th
17	February 6 th	9	April 2 nd
2	February 13 th	12	April 9 th
3	February 20 th	13	April 16 th
6	February 27 th	14	April 23 rd
7	March 5 th	16	April 30 th

The lowest one (1) quiz grade is dropped.

Total 275 points**ACTIVITIES/ASSIGNMENTS/ PARTICIPATION**

Various activities/assignments will be introduced or completed in class.

Total 160 points

Active participation—contributing thoughtful, objective, and critical questions/answers; active engagement—in discussion and activities is an important factor in your success in the class.

Total 25 points**VISUAL ESSAY**

Specific instructions will be provided for this individual assignment, the product of which will be a power point presentation.

Total 100 points**GROUP PROJECT**

10 groups

Specific instructions will be provided for this group assignment, the product of which will be:

Progress Updates 30 pts Project Paper 100 pts Project Presentation 50 pts Project Critiques 20 pts

Total 200 points**EXAMS****120 points each**

Each exam—Exam 1 (chapters 1, 17, 2, 3, 6, 7) and Exam 2 (chapters 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16)—will consist of 60 true/false and multiple-choice questions and will be completed in Blackboard, the same as chapter quizzes. You will have two (2) attempts and seventy-five (75) minutes to complete each exam. **The result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.**

Total 240 points

DAILY CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

January 21 st & 23 rd	Introductions & Course Foundations Chapter 1 Studying Social Problems
January 28 th & 30 th	Chapter 1 Studying Social Problems
February 4 th & 6 th	Chapter 17 Social Problems & Social Action
February 11 th & 13 th	Chapter 2 Social Class
February 18 th & 20 th	Chapter 3 Race & Ethnicity
February 25 th & 27 th	Chapter 6 Age & Aging
March 3 rd & 5 th	Chapter 7 Families
March 10 th & 12 th	Group Project Intro/Formation/Work
Exam 1 (Chapters 1, 17, 2, 3, 6, 7)	Exam 1 Due by 11:59pm on Thursday March 12th
March 16th – 20th	*****SPRING BREAK*****
March 24 th & 26 th	Chapter 8 Education
March 31 st & April 2 nd	Chapter 9 Work & the Economy
April 7 th & 9 th	Chapter 12 Alcohol & Drug Abuse
April 14 th & 16 th	Chapter 13 Crime & Criminal Justice
April 21 st & 23 rd	Chapter 14 Urbanization & Population Growth
April 28 th & 30 th	Chapter 16 War & Terrorism
May 5 th & 7 th	Project Papers Due Tue/Returned Thur Group Work/Prep for Presentations
Exam 2 (Chapters 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16)	Exam 2 Due by 11:59pm on Thursday May 7th
Visual Essays	Visual Essay PowerPoint Due by 11:59pm on Sunday May 10th
Thursday May 14 th 1pm – 3:45pm	Group Presentations

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

***I reserve the right to make changes when necessary, with adequate notice given to students.**