

UTEP

ADVANCED SOCIAL PROBLEMS

FALL 2019

SOCI 3323 CRN 14962

MW 12pm – 1:20pm Quinn Hall 206

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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Office Hours: Aug 26th – Oct 4th

MW 10am – 11:30am TRF by appointment

Oct 7th – end of semester

MW 10am – 11:30am TR 10am – 1pm F by appointment

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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. 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 12:00.00pm, and must be submitted by you. There is no "grace period". If you arrive late (after 12:00.01pm) 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. Students who arrive late during an exam must complete the exam during the time allowed for all. Students who arrive after the first exam has been turned in will not be allowed to take the exam.

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. Electronic devices should be turned off or placed on silent and kept out of sight during class. Phone use or interruptions of any form (ringing, alarms, alerts, etc...) during an exam may result in a grade of zero. 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 (9 of 10)	50 points each	Total 450 points
B.) Activities/Assignments	Varied points	Total 150 points
C.) Visual Essay	100 points	Total 100 points
D.) Group Project	150 points	Total 150 points
E.) Final Exam	150 points	Total 150 points
		Total 1000 points

*****Your final grade is 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. You will not be allowed to make up any missed assignments. Note that the lowest one (1) quiz grade is dropped and will not affect your final course grade. **Extra credit will not be offered.**

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

IMPORTANT CLASS DATES:

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26 Aug 19	Classes Begin	02 Sept 19	Labor Day Holiday
11 Sept 19	Census Date		
01 Nov 19	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline	28/29 Nov	Thanksgiving Holiday
05 Dec 19	Last Day of Classes	06 Dec 19	Dead Day
13 Dec 19	Group Presentations (1pm – 3:45pm)		

CHAPTER QUIZ INSTRUCTIONS

50 points each

Chapter quizzes will be completed online within Blackboard. Quizzes must be submitted before 11:59pm on their respective due dates (typically Wednesday night). Each quiz will consist of 40 randomly selected true/false and multiple-choice questions. You will have two (2) attempts and fifty (50) minutes to complete each quiz. **The result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.**

Quizzes for each chapter will be found by clicking on the QUIZ tab on the left side of the course page in Blackboard. Only when you are ready to complete the quiz should you access it. Once you begin a quiz the system will consider that your attempt, whether or not you submit it. You will have two attempts per quiz and 50 minutes to complete it. All quizzes should be submitted before 11:59pm, are considered late as of 11:59.01pm, and will close at midnight. If you log on to take a quiz at 11:45pm, you will have less than fifteen minutes to complete it. Quizzes submitted after 11:59pm will be considered late and a grade of zero may be recorded for the attempt. Pay close attention to the due dates and time when taking each quiz.

Quiz	Due by 11:59pm Wednesday:
1	September 11 th
17	September 18 th
2	October 2 nd
3	October 16 th
7	October 23 rd
8	October 30 th
9	November 6 th
12	November 13 th
14	November 20 th
16	November 27 th

The lowest one (1) chapter quiz grade is dropped.

Total 450 points

ACTIVITIES/ASSIGNMENTS

Total 150 points

Various activities/assignments will be introduced or completed in class. You must be present to receive credit.

VISUAL ESSAY

100 points

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

GROUP PROJECT

150 points

Specific instructions will be provided for this group assignment, the product of which will be both a paper and in-class presentation.

EXAMS

150 points

The comprehensive final exam (chs 1 – 17) will consist of 75 true/false and multiple-choice questions and will be completed in Blackboard, the same as chapter quizzes.

DAILY CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

August 26 th & 28 th	Introductions & Course Foundations
September 2 nd	<i>Labor Day Holiday- University closed</i>
September 4 th	Chapter 1 Studying Social Problems
September 9 th & 11 th	Chapter 1 Studying Social Problems
September 16 th & 18 th	Chapter 17 Social Problems & Social Action
September 23 rd & 25 th	Chapter 2 Social Class
September 30 th & October 2 nd	Chapter 2 Social Class October 2 nd Dorothy Truax
October 7 th & 9 th October 14 th & 16 th	Chapter 3 Race & Ethnicity
October 21 st & 23 rd	Chapter 7 Families
October 28 th & 30 th	Chapter 8 Education
November 4 th & 6 th	Chapter 9 Work & the Economy
November 11 th & 13 th	Chapter 12 Alcohol & Drug Abuse
November 18 th & 20 th	Chapter 14 Urbanization & Population Growth
November 25 th & 27 th	Chapter 16 War & Terrorism Group Project Papers Due
November 28 th & 29 th	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday- University closed</i>
December 2 nd & 4 th	Visual Essays Due Final Exam
Friday Dec 13 th 1pm – 3:45pm	Group Project 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.**