

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO FALL 2018

ADVANCED SOCIAL PROBLEMS

SOCI 3323-001 CRN 15332

MW 12pm – 1:20pm CCS 1.0202

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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PLEASE REFER TO THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE CONTACTING ME.

YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Social Problems: Community, Policy, and Social Action 5th ed., by Anna Leon-Guerrero, Sage Publishers 2016

INSTRUCTOR'S OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS:

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 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 relates 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 12:00pm, 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 will be 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 (13 of 17)	40 points each	Total 520 points
B.) Assignments/Activities	Varied points each	Total 180 points
C.) Visual Essay Paper (individual)	100 points	Total 100 points
D.) Visual Essay Presentation (group)	100 points	Total 100 points
E.) Final Exam	100 points	Total 100 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 work or exams. Note that the lowest four (4) chapter quiz grades are 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.

QUIZ INSTRUCTIONS:

Chapter quizzes will be completed online within Blackboard. Quizzes must be submitted before 11:59pm on their respective due dates. 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 higher of the two grades 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. Please keep in mind that although you will have a set amount of time to take the quiz, it will “turn off” or deactivate at the specified time indicated. For example: 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 the quiz at 11:45pm you will have less than the full thirty minutes allotted to complete the quiz.

Quiz Chapter	Due by 11:59pm on Tuesday:
1	September 11 th
17	September 18 th
2	October 2 nd
3	October 16 th
7, 8	October 30 th
12, 13	November 13 th
4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15	November 20 th
16	November 27 th

We will not discuss chapters 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, or 15 in detail in class. Quizzes for these chapters may be submitted at any time prior to 11:59pm on Tuesday, November 20th. You must complete at least four of the quizzes for the chapters not discussed in class. The lowest four quiz grades are dropped and will not count toward your final grade.

IMPORTANT CLASS DATES:

FALL 2018

27 Aug 18	Classes Begin	03 Sept 18	Labor Day Holiday
12 Sept 18	Census Date	02 Nov 18	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
22-23 Nov	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	06 Dec 18	Last Day of Classes
11 Dec 18	Final Exam		

DAILY CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

Week 1 August 27 th & 29 th		Introductions & Course Foundations Chapter 1	Studying Social Problems
Week 2 September 3 rd		Labor Day Holiday – UTEP Closed	
Week 2 September 5 th		Chapter 1	Studying Social Problems
Week 3 September 10 th & 12 th		Chapter 1	Studying Social Problems
	Q1	Chapter 1	Studying Social Problems
Week 4 September 17 th & 19 th		Chapter 17	Social Problems & Social Action
	Q17	Chapter 17	Social Problems & Social Action
Week 5 September 24 th & 26 th		Chapter 2	Social Class
Week 6 October 1 st & 3 rd	Q2	Chapter 2	Social Class
Week 7 October 8 th & 10 th		Chapter 3	Race & Ethnicity
Week 8 October 15 th & 17 th	Q3	Chapter 3	Race & Ethnicity
Week 9 October 22 nd & 24 th		Chapter 7	Families
Week 10 October 29 th & 31 st	Q7, Q8	Chapter 8	Education
Week 11 November 5 th & 7 th		Chapter 12	Alcohol & Drug Abuse
Week 12 November 12 th & 14 th	Q12, Q13	Chapter 13	Crime & Criminal Justice
Week 13 November 19 th & 21 st ***Q4, Q5, Q6, Q9, Q10, Q11, Q14, Q15***		**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**	
Week 14 November 26 th & 28 th	Q16	Chapter 16	War & Terrorism
Week 15 December 3 rd & 5 th		Visual Essay Papers Due Final Exam	
Week 16 Friday December 14 ^h 1pm – 3:45pm		Visual Essay Presentations	

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

***I reserve the right to change any information contained in this document when necessary, with adequate notice given to the student.**