C-ID Descriptor
Social Problems

Descriptor Details

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General Description

An identification and analysis of contemporary social problems including (1) the role of power and ideology in the definition of social problems, (2) their causes and consequences, (3) evaluations of proposed solutions, and (4) methods of intervention. Topics will vary.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

No information provided

Content

1. The social construction and consequences of social problems
2. The role of power and ideology in the definition of social problems.

3. The causes of social problems
4. Evaluation and consideration of proposed solutions to social problems.
5. Consideration of methods of research and analysis
6. Additional topics may vary

Lab Activities

No information provided

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. demonstrate understanding of major social problems concerning the U.S.;
2. place local, regional, and national social problems in global context;
3. identify, and distinguish between, causes and consequences of social problems;
4. analyze social problems using sociological approaches and concepts;
5. analyze and interpret qualitative and quantitative information about social problems;
6. identify and evaluate policies that address social problems and assess the policies' impact on society.

Evaluation Methods

May include:
Objective exams
Written assignments
Application exercises
Research project
Field Journal
Oral Presentations
Reflection and discussion
Small group activities
Out-of-class activities

Textbooks

Eitzen, *Social Problems*
Eitzen, Baca Zinn, Eitzen Smith, *Social Problems: Unbound*
Henslin, *Social Problems: A Down to Earth Approach*
Leon-Guerrero, Anna. *Social Problems: Community, Policy, and Social Action*
Macionis, *Social Problems*