**Number:** SOC G185  
**TITLE:** Analysis of Social Problems

**ORIGINATOR:** Instructor Placeholder AAA  
**EFF TERM:** Spring 2015

**FORMERLY KNOWN AS:** Formerly known as Soc G150, Social Trends and Problems

**DATE OF OUTLINE/REVIEW:** 04-13-2015

**CROSS LISTED COURSE:**  
**TOP NO:** 2208.00  
**CID:** SOCI 115

**SEMESTER UNITS:** 3.0

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**CONTACT HRS TOTAL:** 54.0

**STUDY NON-CONTACT HRS RECOMMENDED:** 108.0

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**
American social problems, value systems within which problems develop: industrialization, population, crime and delinquency, family, race relations, education, health care, drugs and alcohol and violence.  
C-ID SOCI 115

**JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE:**

**PREREQUISITES:**

**COREQUISITES:**

**ADVISORIES:**

**ASSIGNED DISCIPLINES:**
Sociology

**MATERIAL FEE:** Yes [ ] No [X] Amount: $0.00

**CREDIT STATUS:** Noncredit [ ] Credit - Degree Applicable [X] Credit - Not Degree Applicable [ ]

**GRADING POLICY:** Pass/No Pass [ ] Standard Letter [X] Not Graded [ ] Satisfactory Progress [ ]

**OPEN ENTRY/OPEN EXIT:** Yes [ ] No [X]

**TRANSFER STATUS:** CSU Transferable[ ] UC/CSU Transferable[X] Not Transferable[ ]

**BASIC SKILLS STATUS:** Yes [ ] No [X]  
**LEVELS BELOW TRANSFER:** Not Applicable

**CALIFORNIA CLASSIFICATION CODES:** Y - Not Applicable

**NON CREDIT COURSE CATEGORY:** Y - Not applicable, Credit Course

**OCCUPATIONAL (SAM) CODE:** E

**REPEATABLE ACCORDING TO STATE GUIDELINES:** No [X] Yes [ ]  
**NUMBER REPEATS:**

**REQUIRED FOR DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE:** No [ ] Yes [X]
Associate in Arts: Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Social Behavior and Self-Development(Associate in Arts)  
Associate in Arts: Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Social Sciences(Associate in Arts)  
Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences(Associate in Arts)  
Psychology(Associate in Arts for Transfer)  
Sociology(Associate in Arts for Transfer)

**GE AND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS MET:**
IGETC Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences  
4J: Sociology & Criminology
CSU GE Area D: Social, Political, and Economic Institutions  
D10 - Sociology and Criminology
COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) Supported by this course:

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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. be introduced to the sociological approach to the study of social problems by presenting an overview of forms of deviant behavior and social disorganization.
2. learn how sociologists identify, acquire and interpret data in order to understand and explain social problems.
3. define the major concepts used in the analysis of social problems and describe the major tools.
4. evaluate various proposed solutions to social problems with the use of factual data and theoretical frameworks.

COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:

A. Foundations - Understanding Social Problems
   1. Personal vs. Social Problems
   2. The Sociological Approach
   3. Theoretical Explanations
   4. Myths and Facts: How Do We Know?
B. Problems of Deviance
   1. Sexual Deviance
      a. Homosexuality
      b. Prostitution
   2. Drugs and Alcohol
   3. Health Care - Illness; Physical and Mental
   4. Crime and Delinquency
      a. The varieties of crime
      b. The extent of crime and delinquency
      c. Crime, delinquency and the quality of life
      d. Contributing factors
      e. What is to be done?
   5. Violence
C. Problems of Inequality
   1. Health and Poverty
   2. Work
   3. The Aged
   4. Sex Inequality: The Problems of Women
   5. Racial Minorities
   6. Education
   7. Family Problems
      a. Broken-single-headed families
      b. Family violence
      c. Generation Gap
D. Global Social Problems

1. War
   a. War and the quality of life
   b. Contributing factors
   c. What is to be done?

2. Ecology and Population

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lecture:
B. Online:
C. Independent Study:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Reading Assignments

1. Textbook reading, Social Problems and the Quality of Life, Robert H. Lauer
2. Assigned Readings

Out-of-class Assignments

Work required outside of the classroom includes the following:
1. Textbook assignments
2. Library research for term paper

Writing Assignments

Term Paper- each paper will include the following:
1. Statement of the social problem
2. Background information (library research)
3. Proposed solution(s)
4. Social consequences of the solution(s)

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:

Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Short Quizzes
Written Assignments
Objective Examinations
Report

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:

The material covered in this course will require the student to analyze social problems from a scientific frame of reference. They will also evaluate various solutions suggested to deal with such problems. In the process the students will be required to evaluate their own biases.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:

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4. Social consequences of the solution(s)

TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:

TextBooks:


Other:

1. Student Study Guide

LIBRARY:

Adequate library resources include: Non-Print Materials