



COURSE OUTLINE: OEL824 - CDN. SOCIAL PROBLEMS

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Course Code: Title	OEL824: CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Program Number: Name	
Department:	DISTANCE EDUCATION
Semesters/Terms:	20S, 20F, 21S
Course Description:	In this course, current social science paradigms and theories will be used as a framework for analysis of contemporary social issues relevant to students future vocations in police services. Topics such as crime, violence, abuse, social stratification, ageism, and racism will be included. The course focus will be on how individual behaviours collectively create social problems.
Total Credits:	3
Hours/Week:	3
Total Hours:	48
Prerequisites:	OEL127
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Substitutes:	PFP203
General Education Themes:	Social and Cultural Understanding
Course Evaluation:	Passing Grade: 50%, D
Books and Required Resources:	Contemporary Canadian Social Issues, by Niessen, Carmen & Bromwich, Rebecca Publisher: Emond Montgomery Publications Ltd. Edition: 2nd ISBN: 978-1-55239-229-4

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:	Course Outcome 1	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 1
	Develop informed understanding of social trends, social change, and social problems and of implications for social and personal responses.	-Define what a social problem is -Explain what is an analytical approach to a social problem -Select a social issue to examine by adopting a sociological perspective
	Course Outcome 2	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2
	Examine the relationship between the perception of a problem and the social responses given to it.	-Describe the evolution of a social problem -Describe the influence of social stratification (class, gender, age, ethnicity) on social policies -Assess how social values influence the identification of social problems and societal responses
	Course Outcome 3	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3
	Explain that social issues are the result of the	-Research and describe the historical and causal factors of

	inter-relationship of many social forces like family dynamics, economic recession, and urban decay.	current social problems, which affect Canadian society -Define social institutions and explain the relationship of social institutions to social problems						
	Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4						
	Analyze social issues such as suicide or pollution from the orientation of each of the major theoretical perspectives (structural-functional, social conflict, symbolic-interaction, feminist, and social constructionist) common to sociology.	-Define and differentiate the sociological theoretical perspectives -Prepare an analysis of a social problem using one or more theoretical perspectives -Evaluate how each sociological theoretical paradigm changes the research focus of social problems and the organization of social responses						
Evaluation Process and Grading System:	<table><tr><th>Evaluation Type</th><th>Evaluation Weight</th></tr><tr><td>Assignments</td><td>55%</td></tr><tr><td>Tests</td><td>45%</td></tr></table>		Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight	Assignments	55%	Tests	45%
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Date:	March 9, 2020							
Addendum:	Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.							

