



**Advanced Sociology**

**SOC 240**

Course Name

Code No.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course continues the introduction to the perspectives, theories, and concepts of sociology by researching the social processes and institutions which underlie social problems.

The student will be introduced to the basic social processes of urbanization and social change, and will be examining the impact of crime and deviance, of ethnic and minority group membership, of family, of education, and of urbanism upon community.

**TEXTBOOK**

Kornblum, William, & Julian, Joseph (1989). Social Problems. (6th Ed.) New Jersey: Prentice Hall. *UM\$-I hfJ/J?*

Additional Reference

Robertson, Ian (1969) Society; A Brief Introduction. New York: Worth Publishers, inc. M r / . / i W .

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Students will:

1. acquire a general understanding of the basic social processes of urbanization and social change.
2. understand the sociologists' role in analysis and resolution of social problems.
3. be able to apply sociology's three theoretical perspectives to analysis of social problems.
4. do an indepth analysis of a social problem.

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS**

A variety of methods including classroom presentations, directed readings, small group activities and audio-visual presentations will be used to respond to students' needs. Students will be expected to read carefully, to keep up-to-date notes, and to contribute to class discussion. The course is designed to emphasize active student participation.

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**TOPICS**

Week 1 - 4

1. Sociological Approach to Social Problems  
Chapter one
2. Sociological Perspectives on Social Problems  
- Chapter one
3. Categorization of Social Problems  
- Test #1

Week 4 - 6

4. Indepth Analysis of a Social Problem  
- Test #2

Week 6 - 13

5. Indepth Analysis of Other Social Problems (student presentations)  
- Test #3

**EVALUATION**

Critical review or book report on current social problem	30%
Series of short assignments	20%
Group Presentations	15%
Tests 2 x 10 + 15	35%

**GRADING**

- 60% - C
- 70% - B
- 80% - A
- 90% - A+

**OFFICE HOURS**

Are as posted on E461 and by appointment. Telephone ext. 542.