



**Advanced Sociology**

Course Name

**SOC 240**

Code No.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines those aspects of sociological theory and social issues which are relevant to students in their life situations and are important to each student's growth and behaviour in our society.

**GOAL**

To provide the means through which contemporary social issues can be examined; specifically pertaining to their causes, effects and remediation.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To create an awareness of the contemporary social issues which impact on the students as members of the community.
2. To present issues in an objective manner that-will enable the student to become more fully aware of the complexities that surround each issue.
3. To investigate adaptive or maladaptive responses to contemporary social issues.
4. To examine solutions and prevention and to study various support systems which may be utilized.

**TEXTBOOK**

**Required:**

Sociology : A Brief Understanding by Ian Robertson 1989

Social Problems by Kornblum, William, & Julian, Joseph (6th Edition)  
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**METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

EVALUATION - students will be assessed on the basis of their <u>class participation</u> (Discussion based on Text, Audio-Visuals, Reports)	10%
SEMINAR REPORT (Primary & Secondary Research)	<b>20%</b>
CRITIQUE & SUMMARY (Magazine/Journal)	<b>15%</b>
BOOK REPORT (Non-Fiction)	<b>20%</b>
TESTS - (Unit, Mid-Term, Final, In-class Essays)	<b>35%</b>
TOTAL	<u>100%</u>

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**GRADING METHOD**

- "A+" - Consistently Outstanding
- "A" - Outstanding Achievement
- "B" - Consistently Above Average Achievement
- "C" - Satisfactory or Acceptable Achievement
- "R" - Repeat (objectives have not been achieved)

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS**

This course is composed of mainly lecture and discussion. A seminar report will be given by each student. Some audio-visual materials will be presented during regular classes. A topic schedule will be provided. Students will be expected to attend regularly, read carefully, keep up-to-date on topics, be knowledgeable, and contribute to class discussion.

Assignments are expected to be submitted on time. Late assignments will be penalized. A detailed assignment schedule will be provided.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Upon completion of the course, the students will have fulfilled the following requirements:

1. Present an in-depth research seminar *on* a social issue.
2. Prepare a book report/essay dealing with a social problem.
3. Prepare a critique of an article in a magazine/journal which deals with some current aspect of a social problem.
4. Participate in group discussions upon students' investigation of a social issue.
5. Successfully complete exams covering material presented.

Seminar - Lecture Outline

- Week 1: Course Introduction - Social Issues
- Week 2: Substance Abuse
- Week 3: Sex-Related Social Problems
- Week 4: Community Mental and Physical Health
- Week 5: Mid-Term Break
- Week 6: Suicide
- Week 7: Unemployment - Poverty - Social Stratification
- Week 8: Native Issues - Racial and Ethnic Stratification
- Week 9: Women's Issues - Gender Stratification
- Week 10: Family Violence
- Week 11: Divorce and Separation
- Week 12: Religious Issues
- Week 13: Ageism - Age Stratification
- Week 14: Review
- Week 15: Final Exam

\* These topics sometimes overlap and may not be dealt with in isolated learning units or in the order above.