



MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Outcome Summary

Standard Course

SOC 251 Modern Social Problems

Course Information

Division	Humanities/ Social Sciences
Contact Hours	45
Total Credits	3

Prerequisites SOC 151

Course Description

A number of social problems will be examined and interrelated as time permits. Topics include the global workplace, poverty, crime, power and wealth. Problems are analyzed with a set of sociological perspectives developed early in the semester.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify/Recognize/Use the sociological definition of a social problem
2. Identify/Recognize/Use terms germane to social problems
3. Identify/Recognize/Use charts and graphs depicting social data
4. Identify/Recognize/Use key facts and statistics underlying selected social problems
5. Identify/Recognize/Use twelve criteria to analyze a social problem
6. Identify/Recognize/Use items in the media that relate to problems covered in class
7. Identify/Recognize/Use the Liberal and Conservative viewpoints of social problems and the politicization of the same
8. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to relate issues to the media to underlying social problems by means of oral report(s)
9. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to put individual problems into a social context through class discussions
10. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to relate one social problem to another via homework assignments
11. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to distinguish informed and uninformed opinions in discussion of social problems (in the media and in daily conversations) by bringing examples of the same into class
12. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to judge the viability of proposed solutions to social problems (versus superficial, quick fixes) by applying the principles of Sociology
13. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to judge the political philosophy of problem definers and solution-givers by labeling them in homework assignments
14. Believe/Feel/Think/Appreciate the complexity and interrelatedness of social problems
15. Believe/Feel/Think/Appreciate the well-informed opinion of others regarding social issues
16. Believe/Feel/Think/Appreciate the impossibility of short-term programs to solve major problems
17. Believe/Feel/Think/Appreciate the persistence of problems and society's inability to control them
18. Believe/Feel/Think/Appreciate certain problems may be imbedded in the nature and structure of society

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