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General Syllabus

SOCI 4203 Sociology: Special Topics

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory or other types of Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): **SOCI 2753 Introduction to Sociology and Junior Standing**

Effective Catalog: 2021-2022

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Presentation of new and emerging topics of critical importance to the field of sociology that are not otherwise covered in the curriculum. Topics will be offered periodically based on the recognized needs of the field. May be repeated once for a total of six hours.

B. Additional Information

This course is an elective for the Sociology minor and may be an elective in the Minor in Diversity Studies.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. **Apply sociological theories to understand the course topic.**
2. **Analyze data on the course topic.**
3. **Evaluate how the intersectionality of issues of inequality, including the dimensions of class, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, and age and ability, manifest in the course topic.**
4. **Create presentations that demonstrate an understanding of the course material.**

B. University Learning Outcomes (ULO)

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills:

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis. Students will analyze the causes of social problems through research and evaluation of varying sources. Students will assess proposed solutions.

Students will represent and interpret statistical information and data in order to draw inferences.

Communication Skills (written and oral): Students will communicate proficiently.

Students will compose coherent documents appropriate to the intended audience.

Students will effectively communicate orally in a public setting.

Ethical Decision Making: Students will model ethical decision-making processes. In addition to maintaining academic integrity in all of their work, students will be introduced to ethical issues in social research.

Global and Cultural Perspectives: Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

Students will analyze how culture is both a projection and reflection of social structures. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how sociology impacts or is impacted by different cultures.

III. Major Course Topics

A. Topics vary by semester