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Online Course Information Sheet

Course Number: SOC2013

Course Title: Social Problems

Course Description: This course is an overview of the social theory and related policies influencing social programs. The course will also review social problems from political and social work perspectives. It is designed to give the students a method of analyzing current social problems and to see the connections to social policy and intervention as it related to social situations.

Instructor Name: Jenny Sanders

Instructor Bio: Jenny Sanders has a B.S. in Psychology and a M.Ed. in Agency Counseling from SAU Magnolia. She has worked at SAU Tech since 2006 as a counselor and academic advisor.

Prerequisite: none

Textbook Title: *Understanding Social Problems*, 5th edition

Learning Outcomes: The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the critical analysis of contemporary social dilemmas. The course will include an investigation into the causes and consequences of contemporary social problems, including: crime, drug use, education, health and health care, ethnicity, gender issues, the media, poverty, and race.

Students will be introduced to sociological theory to guide the understanding of contemporary social problems in the United States and the global community. Students will be expected to develop critical analytical techniques to examine the social problems beyond the level of description. The class will explore social problems in an historical context, consider related governmental policies and proposed solutions.

Teaching Methodology, including description of interaction between student and instructor: This course is an internet course delivered through Blackboard. The instructor interacts with students through the discussion board and email messages. The instructors' lecture notes and other information is posted within the course. Students with questions for the instructor are able to email the instructor or post them within the Cyber Café portion of the discussion board. General information is posted for the entire class through the announcements portion of Blackboard.

Methods of Testing: Students will complete unit exams and a final exam. All tests will be given through Blackboard and will be multiple choice. The final exam will be given in an approved proctored testing center. See Final Exam Information at http://www.sautech.edu/wbl_policies_entry.html for additional information.

Enrollment Procedures:

Non-degree seeking students applying for admission to SAU Tech must submit an application for admission, appropriate placement test scores or, if applicable, official college transcript(s) with proof of Composition I and Intermediate Algebra (having earned a letter grade of "C" or better).

Full-time degree seeking students and part-time degree seeking students applying for financial aid applying for admission to SAU Tech must submit an application for admission, appropriate placement test scores, immunization record (if born after 01/01/1957), high school transcript or GED scores, and official college transcript(s), if applicable. (Note: Part-time students not applying for financial aid do not have to submit immunization record.)

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed

partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless completely he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$10 add/drop fee is assessed for adds/drops that take place after classes start.

Special Enrollment Issues (specialized software or equipment, access to a particular network, or similar requirements): None.

Special Attendance Requirements (student contact with instructor, proctored examinations, etc.):
The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site.

Access to Learning Resources:

Students will receive all required discussion materials through the Internet, links to texts, and the electronic mail with Blackboard. Students will be required to purchase the course textbook, if applicable, and Learning Resource Center access is encouraged but not required to be successful. Textbooks can be ordered online. The Bookstore number is (870) 574-4510. The Library number is (870) 574-4518.

Other Considerations (writing ability, assignments/projects, time considerations, etc.):

Students will need Internet access, Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.