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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 Information: *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.

On-Campus Requirement

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college website at www.sautech.edu for detailed information.

Modes of Interaction

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 Assessment

Students will complete unit exams and a final exam. All tests will be given through Blackboard and will be multiple-choice.

Enrollment Procedures

SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:

- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

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 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 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

Admissions Office Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx>

Course Registration Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>

Technical Requirements and Resources: Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

Library Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/lrc/index.aspx>

Bookstore Website: <http://sautech.textbooktech.com>

Adult Learner Resources: Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

Student Support and Learning Resources: Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

Other Considerations

Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class. Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:

- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s). The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things. Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).

- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
 - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
 - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
 - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976>
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files
 - Cost: Free
 - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://javashop1m.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre->