Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

SOC 103 Social Problems

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is a study of current social issues including crime, poverty, domestic abuse, drug addiction, environment, urbanization, racism, sexism, family issues and unemployment. This course provides an overview of the origins, existing policies and proposed solutions to social problems. Course content includes both theory and practice.

PREREQUISITES: *SOC 100*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon completion of this course, the student will be familiar with:
- To build a theoretical and practical understanding of how scientific explanations differ fundamentally from those of other approaches;
- To develop an adequate comprehension and appreciation of the complexity and controversy surrounding seemingly straightforward social problems
- To foster the social responsibility, awareness, and critical ability needed to assess and tackle interconnected national and global social problems;
- To improve the critical, written and oral skills of students in order to encourage communication and analysis over memorization and pure description.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9%= B
70%-79.9%= C
60%-69.9%= D
<60% = E