

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

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Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning, and service to God and humankind.

SOCI 3304-Social Problems (JUAD 3304) @

TERM: Fall 2009

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Office Hours: Upon Request

Class Time and Location: Fridays - 5:30 - 9:30 P.M. & Saturdays 8:30 - 4:00 P.M. Luke Air Force Base

Catalog Description: Social problems including causes, interrelationships, and program of ameliorations.

There is no prerequisite for this course, however SOCI 1301 is recommended.

Textbook: Understanding Social Problems by Mooney, Knox, and Schacht

Optional Materials: Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom, 1997.

Course Outcome Competencies:

- Define social problems from the major three sociological perspectives

Ways to measure

- Classroom discussion and exercises
- Two exams
- Book review

- Identify issues in society as it relates to wealth, social class, race/ethnicity and gender

Ways to measure

- Classroom discussion and exercises & visual sociology classroom presentations
- Common essay questions & critical analysis papers

- Critically analyze social problems and their affect on society

Ways to measure

- Written paper on visual sociology projects, i.e., PBS & 2 online projects
- Exams

- Discuss strategies and interventions to decrease to ameliorate various social problems

Ways to measure

- Field trip/written review
- Oral/visual project of 2 community based programs - portfolio

Attendance: Students enrolled at one of the University's external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an

unsatisfactory progress report with the campus dean. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the University's attendance policy.

Additional attendance policies: to be discussed with instructor

Service for the Disabled: It is University policy that no otherwise qualified disabled person be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the University. Students should inform the instructor of existing disabilities at the first class meeting.

Course requirements: see handouts at first meeting

Method of determining course grade:

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student's control. A grade of "incomplete" is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long (10 to 15 weeks) term, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Instructor's policy on Academic Dishonesty: F for the course

Tentative Schedule: (Friday/Saturday) August 17th – October 31st - actual dates TBA

Additional Information: to be distributed at the first class meeting