

Montgomery County Community College
 SOC 103
 Social Problems
 3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course offers a critical examination of major social problems in the contemporary United States within the context of wider global issues. Students will learn to think sociologically about the causes and consequences of contemporary social problems. Course focus is on uncovering the social conditions, forces, and social structures that give rise to social problems. Problems covered include but are not limited to: poverty, gender, homophobia/heterosexim, race and class inequality, crime, education, environment and health care.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Explain the causes and consequences of major domestic and global social problems using a Sociological framework.	Exams Case Studies Small Group Work Reading Lecture Videos	Exam Written Assignments
2. Apply key Sociological concepts germane to the study of social problems.	Exams Case Studies Small Group Work Reading Lecture Videos	Exam Written Assignments
3. Evaluate social policy solutions to specific social problems and their ethical implications.	Lecture Discussion Multimedia Materials Small Group Work	Written Assignments Research Paper and Presentation

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The

