Instructor: 
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Office Hours: By Appointment Only

Section Information: SOCI 2312-001

Time and Place of Class Meeting: University Hall Room #104, T/Th 2:00 to 3:20.

Description of Course Content: This course is a brief introduction to current social issues. This text seeks to understand social problems today, and presents facts and discussion to help the student better understand the world around us.

Student Learning Outcomes:
(1) Students will be introduced to Sociology and the Study of Social Problems.
(2) Students will understand the problems of “well being”.
(3) Students will be able to understand the problems of inequality.
(4) Students will learn the problems associated with Globalization.
(5) This course satisfies the University of Texas at Arlington core curriculum requirement in Language, Philosophy & Culture. Near the end of the semester, all students must complete a mandatory assignment for bonus points. This 20 point assignment will be administered and graded via BlackBoard, and can help students improve their final grade. It will address the following Core Objectives mandated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:

- **Critical Thinking Skills** – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- **Communication Skills** – to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
- **Social Responsibility** – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
- **Personal Responsibility** - To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.


August 22nd 20XX FIRST DAY OF CLASS

Week#
1 (8/27-8/29) Chapter #1- Thinking About Social Problems
2 (9/2) Labor Day
3 (9/3-9/5) Chapter #2- Problems of Well-Being
4 (9/10-9/12) Chapter #3- Alcohol and Other Drugs
5 (9/17-9/19) Chapter #4-Crime and Social Control

5 (9/24) EXAM #1 Chapter 1-4
6 (9/26) Chapter #5 – Family Problems
7 (2/25-3/1) Chapter #7 – Work and Unemployment
8 (3 / 4 - 3/8) Chapter # 8- Problems In Education
8 (3/8/13) NO CLASS
9 (3/11-3/15) Spring Break
10 (3/18-3/22) Chapter #9- Race, Ethnicity and Immigration
11 (3/25/13) EXAM#2 – Chapters 6-9
ASSIGNMENTS and GRADES

Presentation of Chapter In Class= 25pts (Sign Up Sheet Provided lst Day of Class)
4 Exams @ 100 pts each= 300 pts (Scantrons and Pencils are Students Responsibility)
There will be 4 sign in points during time of low attendance, each sign in will be worth 5 pts each.

Total Points= 445

Grading Policy: There are a total of 345 pts to be earned over the semester. You are expected to present in class for the Day/Chapter you have chosen for yourself. At the end of the semester your grade will be calculated by simply dividing your total points by 345.

FINAL GRADING SCALE:
A= 90-100%
8=80-89%
C=70-79%
D=60-69%
F= 0-59%

Attendance Policy: This course does not have an attendance policy. However, you are expected to attend each class and participate in class discussion. You are expected to be there on Exam dates listed in this document. I DO NOT give make-up exams. Should you miss an exam, you will make that exam up on the day of the FINAL.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information. The last day to drop a class is March, 29th 2013.

Americans with Disabilities Act: The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity: It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and
procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University. According to the UT System Regents' Rule 50101, §2.2, "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."

**Academic Integrity:** All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

**Student Support Services Available:** The University of Texas at Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit www.uta.edu/resources for more information.

**Electronic Communication Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University "MavMail" address as the sole official means of communication with students. MavMail is used to remind students of important deadlines, advertise events and activities, and permit the University to conduct official transactions exclusively by electronic means. For example, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation are now sent to students through the MavMail system. All students are assigned a MavMail account. **Students are responsible for checking their MavMail regularly.** Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/email/. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active even after they graduate from UT Arlington.

To obtain your NetID or for logon assistance, visit https://webapps.uta.edu/oit/selfservice/. If you are unable to resolve your issue from the Self-Service website, contact the Helpdesk at helpdesk@uta.edu.

To access your training, you must use your UT Arlington NetID and password. It is recommended that you complete the training using either Internet Explorer or Firefox. Technical questions about the training website should be directed to the University Compliance Services training helpline, 817-272-5100, or to compliance@uta.edu. General questions about scope and content of the Lab Safety Training should be directed to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 817-272-2185, or to ehsafety@uta.edu

Texting or use of laptops (for anything other than note taking) is not permitted in the classroom.

Should the instructor find you texting during a lecture or an exam, you will be asked to leave the room, or surrender your telephone until the end of the class time. There are no exceptions. If you have urgent business to attend to, do so outside of the classroom.

There will be no make-ups for exams if excused for texting during an exam.