

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOC-103	Course Title Social Problems	Credits (ECTS) 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites SOC 101
Type of Course Elective	Field Sociology	Language of Instruction English, Greek
Level of Course Undergraduate	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer Dr Costas S. Constantinou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- introduce the main sociological approaches to social problems
- help students think sociologically
- apply the main sociological theories to explain social problems
- equip students with skills to understand real social problems such as poverty, ageing, migration etc from the sociological perspective
- involve student in class discussion for social analysis
- help students improve their oral skills in presenting and discussing a social problem

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. understand the usefulness of the main sociological theories with regards to social problems
2. know how to apply theories to explain social problems
3. know how to analysis social problems by adopting a critical approach
4. have solid writing skills
5. have solid oral skills

Course Contents:

1. What is a Social Problem?
2. The Structural Perspective
3. The Constructionist Perspective
4. Labeling theory, stigma and the construction of social problems
5. Researching social problems
6. Sexual behaviour and identity
7. Issues of poverty and social exclusion
8. Ageing societies
9. Forced migration
10. Health and illness
11. AIDS, Cancer and Diabetes
12. Organ donation as a social problem
13. The Mass Media and the public presentation of social problems

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussions

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Presentation, Mid-Term Exam, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Course package compiled by Costas Constanitnou	Social Problems or Sociology			

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publishe	Year	ISBN
Giddens Anthony (Greek translation Dimitris Tsaousis)	Sociology	Gutenberg	2002	960-01-0922-2