
Social Problems (SOC 1020)
Weber State University, Spring 2015

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 12:30 – 1:20 pm
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Course overview and objectives

*How
can we recognize and assess what are social problems (and what are not social problems)?
How are some people privileged, while others are not? How do people influence us – both
creating and resolving problems?*

Required readings

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Course requirements and grade percentages

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Reading and lecture schedule

Part One: Ideology and research

How can we recognize and assess what are social problems (and what are not social problems)?

WEEK ONE:
(January 12-16)

Power, Privilege, and Difference

WEEK TWO:
(January 21, 23)

No class –

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WEEK FOUR:
(February 2-6)

The Culture of Fear

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Difference

Power, Privilege, and

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WEEK EIGHT:
(March 2-6)

Difference

Power, Privilege, and

Diversity Wheel assignment, Part One, due in class on Friday, March 6th.

Diversity Wheel assignment, Part Two, due on Canvas on Friday, March 6th by 11:59 pm.

WEEK NINE:
(March 9-13)

No class

WEEK TEN:
(March 16-20)

Power, Privilege, and Difference

Course assessment #2 due by Friday, March 20th by 11:59 pm.

Part Three: The power of networks

How do people influence us? IT:

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WEEK TWELVE:
(March 30 – April 3)

Connected

Network Friend Map assignment, Part One, due in class on Friday, April 3rd.

Network Friend Map assignment, Part Two, due on Canvas on Friday, April 3rd

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Assignments

Community engagement

(25 points)

Part One

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four parts

Question submission –
Wednesday, February 11th
must

Blog post – post an article about your social problem on the course
discussion board five
legitimate sources include a bibliography
each of these four

parts

Definition:

Methods:

Conclusions:

Connections:

each

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Possible topics

a list of social problems

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