

**Course:** SOC 152

**Course Title:** Social Problems in the Community

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Department:** Sociology & Anthropology

**Prerequisite:** 12 hours.

**General Education Area:**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Public Issues (*GEC 116*)

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**Typically Offered During:**

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	YES	Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	YES	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Summer:	YES				

**Typical Instructional Modality:**

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	YES	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

**May Also Count Toward Department Offering:**

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	YES
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*Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.*

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***How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?***

What are social problems? Why should we concern ourselves with them? How do they impact our community? What are the most pressing things that our society is dealing with? We hear so many things when we listen to the media or monitor the news but what are the real issues behind these pressing problems? This course is about learning to critically think about society and various problems in society. We examine several enduring and timely social issues such as racism, gender inequality, poverty, political polarization, problems with the health care system, and climate change. From a sociological perspective, we look beyond individual experiences and choices to identify broader structural patterns and to understand social change.

***Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?***

This course provides valuable insights for anyone interested in supporting and improving their local community.

***Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?***

This course would be helpful for students interested in community planning, public administration, social and human services.

***Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)***

Sociological perspectives on contemporary social issues and problems in American society that are faced by today's communities. A public sociology focus is addressed in this course. This general education course will allow students to recognize the importance of contributing their knowledge and experiences to help resolve social problems in their own community and the broader society.