CIP No. 45.1101

SOC 140 Contemporary Social Issues in Micronesia
Alpha Number
Course Title

Course Description
Designed to help students explore, analyze, and cope with critical social problems that exist in Micronesia, such as physical and mental health, social and population problems, and other issues related to cultural values and changes.

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Total Credit Hours 3

Purpose of Course: Degree Requirement
Degree Elective X
Certification X
Developmental
Other

Prerequisite(s)

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Signature, Curriculum & Assessment Committee Chairperson

Date 2-16-09

Signature, Dean of Academic Affairs

Date 3/23/09

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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Last Date reviewed or revised: September 2008
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II. Course Objectives

A. General Outcomes

Students who complete this course will:
1. Construct critical thinking and problem-solving techniques regarding social problems in Micronesia (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)
2. Identify and recognize specific social problems existent in Micronesia due to rapid social change and loss of traditional cultural control mechanisms (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)
3. Explain and evaluate the identified social issues in Micronesia as interrelated issues (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)
4. Relate resolution to existing social problems (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)

B. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1. Construct critical thinking and problem-solving techniques
   a. Identify and evaluate health issues related to alcohol abuse
   b. Explain and discuss factors related to juvenile malnutrition and the relationship to the student's overall performance in school
   c. Discuss population and birth control in relationship to family and community well-being
2. Identify and recognize specific social problems existent in Micronesia due to rapid social change and loss of traditional cultural control mechanisms
   a. Analyze suicide as a health and social illness in Micronesia
   b. Analyze youth gangs and school dropouts as symptoms and not causes of cultural breakdown
3. Identify that social problems are interrelated and do not exist in isolation
4. Pursue and investigate possible positive solutions to identified problems through class discussions, research projects, and guest speakers

III. Course Content

Applies social theory in identifying, understanding and seeking solutions to social problems affecting Micronesian societies.

1. Alcohol and drug abuse
2. Suicide
3. School drop outs
4. Teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS
5. Overpopulation
6. Malnutrition
7. Increasing poverty

IV. Methods of Instruction

1. Lecture
2. Small group discussions
3. Audio-visual aids
4. Guest speakers
5. Research projects
6. Videos

V. Equipment and Materials

1. TV/VCR

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation

1. Class participation
2. Assignments
3. Reports
4. Projects
5. Comprehensives

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI Grading System.
### Course History Summary

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