Unit 3: Issues in Institutions

Module Objectives

MO8: Identify the problems in social institutions such as family, education, workplace, media and healthcare and the local/global factors influencing them

MO9: Evaluate primary and secondary research data in relation to social problems

MO10: Evaluate the cultural basis through which a social condition becomes a social problem

MO11: Discuss social policies and actions within social institutions

**Participation Activities**

DUE: Throughout the quarter

WEIGHT: 15% of total grade

These activities would include: small and large group discussions, seminars, film discussions, reading comprehension questions, topical free writing, in-class worksheets on theories and concepts and other student-centered activities.

Assessment of satisfactory completion of these activities is dependent upon the objective being assessed and at the discretion of the instructor. The criteria of the assignment of participation points should be clear to students prior to or during the activity.

An example of this could be the showing of a film and a corresponding question worksheet. The instructor would provide objectives for the activity and the expectations for completing along with the point value.

**Connected Knower**

DUE: Weeks 3, 6 and 10

WEIGHT: 30% (10% each)

This assignment (done 3 times throughout the quarter) contains 3 sections. In section one, students will identify main arguments and claims from select lectures, readings, statistical data, films and guest speakers. In section two they will connect some of the claims through an overarching theme, explaining the significance of the theme in society. In the last section they will reflect upon how the theme has significance to their own lives and lived experience.

[Connected Knower Assignment](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l0VZfe8tKrB5ZJgPrmnRTbmNU5kZiC1tH1WoFnxfLho/edit#)

[Connected Knower Grading Rubric](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HYlaPBwXLgSSgla7UUwhcnGpH-PQDR9yND2L7bxdazk/edit#)

**Media Analysis**

DUE: Week 7

WEIGHT: 20%

From their concept mapping assignment, students will choose a particular social problem that interests them and then research related news articles from three different countries (one being the U.S.). After analyzing the content (words, images) in the different media, students will write a 4-5 page paper highlighting the sociological theory(ies) through which the problem and action/solution are framed and identify local and global social conditions to investigate further.

[Media Analysis Assignment](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WGId13cn5CUvJkkCapDPp_rKBPR02Qporb6xa3fdiRQ/edit)

[Media Analysis Grading Rubric](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GyyzD6LXpUPcWvYPjH4zMtOeZQOl6v9ETmgmHDAhacA/edit)