SOC& 201 : Social Problems

Credits 5
Quarter Offered Winter
This course explores the definition, causes, consequences, and solutions to social problems in U.S. society. We use sociological perspectives to examine some of the most critical problems facing society such as gun violence, racism, climate change, income inequality and poverty. The course examines how race, class, and gender inequalities contribute to and manifest as social problems. We also examine the roles of policymakers, social advocates, and the media in the process of defining social problems. This class may include students from multiple sections. (Social Sciences, Elective)
Course Outcomes
> Demonstrate understanding of the structural and historic roots of social problems.
> Examine critically "taken for granted" societal arrangements and learn how they contribute to or cause social problems.
> Demonstrate how various social problems are interrelated.
> Apply a sociological imagination to understanding social problems.
> Acquire knowledge of the range of major social problems impacting the United States.
> Analyze the role of power in the definition and labeling of social problems.
> Describe a specific local or regional social problem and explain its causes and propose solutions.
> Demonstrate an awareness of the complexities of social problems and the difficulties in resolving them.
> Identify various sociological perspectives used to analyze social problems.