

Department .: Sociology

Course number : Soci 244W

Title : Sociology of Mental Illness

Credits : 3

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Catalog Copy : Soci 244. Sociology of Mental Illness. Either Semester. Three credits . *Broadhead* . Madness in human societies; its history, incipience, epidemiology, etiology, institutionalization, and other issues.

Soci 244W. Sociology of Mental Illness. Prerequisite: Engl 110 or 111 or 250.

W Criteria : The study of mental illness has both a practical side--how mental illness is treated in society, as well as a theoretical side--how it is defined and politicized. The writing requirements for this class will enable students to engage both of these sides, as students explore the creation and treatment of mental illness.

Students will be required to complete a term project of approximately 15 pages. The paper will be on a mental-illness related topic of the student's choice as relevant to the course. This paper will be weighted as 40% of the student's grade.

There will be two lectures on writing (covering fundamentals, such as tense, punctuation, referencing, etc.). After students submit their preliminary drafts, additional lectures will address the areas in which students appear to need the most assistance. There will also be individual conferences with students, as they wish or as instructor perceives need.

All students will be required to submit a first draft of the term paper. It will be commented upon in detail, and returned to students. Those students who are so inclined may then submit a second draft (before the final due date), or simply submit a revised final draft.

Students can only pass the class if they pass the writing portion of the class, and they will be apprised of this in the course syllabus.

Role of Grad Students : None