



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

SW 102 Exploring Human Behavior in the Environment

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to the notion that individuals are a function of their interaction with the bio-psycho social contexts. Students will explore theory and knowledge of human psychosocial development, behavior, and functioning, from infancy through death within a framework of culture, ethnicity, social class, race, gender, and sexual orientation. The interplay between and among micro, mezzo, and macro systems of individuals, groups, families, and communities as they influence human growth and development will be explored. Special emphasis on understanding the impact of poverty, oppression, discrimination, exploitation, and violence.

PREREQUISITES: *SW 101*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- Identify self as an entity beyond social role and social ascription
- Identify institutional form, function, and dysfunction
- Identify the concept of deviance as it relates to social class
- Identify and relate to concepts of poverty and minorities
- Recognize the forces of change that affect our lives on a daily basis

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A

80%-89.9%= B

70%-79.9%= C

60%-69.9%= D

<60% = E