## Contemporary Social Issues in Pakistan

**Course Description**

The course provides a review of sociological problems of Pakistan. It focuses on the causes and consequences of problems. The content of this course provides a holistic understanding of the social problems of Pakistan and their solution in local and global perspectives.

**Course Objectives**

The course aims to:

* Distinguish between the basic elements and components that underlie our labeling a social issue, a social problem
* Compare and contrast how social values influence the definition and identification of social problems and shape responses to them
* Communicate how legislative, judicial, and administrative systems respond to social problems

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this course students will be able to:

* Identify social problems we face in modern society and understand some of their complexities.
* Recognize ways in which social problems affect individuals’ life.
* Learn to think critically and creatively about social problems.
* Be motivated to take individual action to improve the world in which we live.

**Teaching Method**

This course will be based on interactive discussions; student centered learning activities and research projects. The preferred teaching approach will be ‘active learning’ in which students solve problems, answer questions, formulate questions of their own, brainstorm, discuss, explain and debate. Co-operative learning will be encouraged through group discussions, assignments and projects. Periodical assessments and evaluation through class participation, quizzes, assigned tasks, research project, Mid Term and End Term examinations will be a part of this course.

**Course Content**

1. Definition and characteristics of social problem
2. Significance of studying social problems
3. Influence of social problems on development
4. Social worker’s role in addressing social problems
5. Social problems
6. Crime.
7. Over Population
8. Juvenile Delinquency
9. Illiteracy
10. Poverty
11. Social Inequality
12. Beggary
13. Unemployment and under employment,
14. Child Labor.
15. Drug Addiction
16. Labor Problems
17. Gender based Violence
18. Corruption
19. Terrorism
20. Urbanization
21. Energy crisis
22. Climate and Environmental change

**Suggested Readings**

Anwar, A. (2006). *Applied Sociology (Social Problems and Research)*. Department of Sociology, University of Peshawar: Saif Printing Press.

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Gerald, S. (2000). *Social Work and Social Problems*. Macmillan Press London.