



**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**SOC3010 Social Problems**  
**3 Semester Hours**

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**Student Learning Outcomes & Enabling Objectives**

1. Analyze contemporary social problems.
    - a. Distinguish characteristics of a social problem.
    - b. Examine society's response to social problems.
  2. Explain the major theories and methods used to analyze social problems.
    - a. Apply the theories to the analysis of a social problem.
    - b. Describe the difference between the macro versus micro approach to a social problem.
  3. Discuss the historical context related to social problems.
    - a. Explain research methods sociologists use to study social problems.
    - b. Explore the historical evolution of theory related to social problems.
  4. Analyze factors that contribute to and influence the development, maintenance, and resolution of social problems.
    - a. Identify relevant social movements that address social problems.
    - b. Discuss the influence of the media.
    - c. Explain the influence of power and institutional structures on society.
    - d. Identify cultural values and beliefs that affect social problems.
    - e. Describe how social policies affect social problems.
  5. Compare and contrast social problems across different regions.
    - a. Differentiate social problems across different regions within the United States.
    - b. Compare and contrast domestic and global social problems.
  6. Analyze how social problems affect individual lives.
    - a. Apply sociological concepts related to social problems in personal and professional experiences.
    - b. Discuss successful responses to social problems.
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