

## **Social Science 103**

### ***Introduction to Social Justice Sciences***

*3 units; 3 hours lecture*

*Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for English 1A*

*Degree applicable Transfer CSU, USC*

This course introduces students to social justice theories and the historical and contemporary responses to inequality and injustice. The role of imbalances of power in society, social movements, culture, politics and institutions will be discussed. The course also explores a broad range of issues including notions of inequality based on race, class, gender, sexuality and issues related to environmental and criminal justice and human rights. Diverse theories and practical applications of social justice and social movements that have been made over time to remedy social injustice will be examined.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Explain and discuss what social justice is and trace its development as an academic field.  
Essay exams
2. Define the conceptual and intellectual approaches to social justice.  
Essay exams
3. Explain and evaluate the impact that historical values, ideologies and economic structures have on social justice.  
Essay exams
4. Discuss and critique the interplay of economic, ideological, and political forces in sustaining or addressing social justice.  
Essay exams
5. Assess the impact of public policies on social groups related to age, culture, class, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, race and religion.  
Essay exams
6. Evaluate the impact of social protest movements on social justice and the role of the individual on social justice.  
Essay exams
7. Identify and assess the impact of colonialism and global racism on social justice.  
Essay exams
8. Analyze the impact that globalism and multiculturalism have had on social and economic justice.  
Essay exams

### **Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):**

#### 1. Theory

Upon completion of Social Science 103: Introduction to Social Justice Studies, students will demonstrate an understanding of the socioeconomic and political factors that give rise to social injustices and social inequities at national and global levels.

#### 2. Application

Upon completion of Social Science 103: Introduction to Social Justice Studies, students will demonstrate the ability to propose resolutions to social injustices drawing on social theory, historical precedents, and methods pertinent to the study of social structures and change.

### **ADA Statement:**

El Camino College is committed to providing educational accommodations for students with disabilities upon the timely request by the student to the instructor. A student with a disability, who would like to request an academic accommodation, is responsible for identifying herself/himself to the instructor and to the Special Resource Center. To make arrangements for academic accommodations, contact the Special Resource Center.

### **Student Code of Conduc**

### **Student Rights and Grievances Procedure 5530**

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