SOC2217 - Rural Sociology

Credits:	3 (3/0/0)
Description:	Meets MnTC Goal Areas 5 and 7a/b. This course is a sociological study of the forces that have transformed rural settings and impacted future trends in rural America. The course also focuses on the diverse cultural heritages contributing to the rich cultural mosaic found in rural scenarios.
Prerequisites:	
Corequisites:	
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Competencies:	1. Employ sociological methods to investigate the unique social characteristics of rural America. 2. Examine the social issues relevant to rural populations in the history of the United States. 3. Compare the rural issues of select other cultures and countries to those of the rural United States. 4. Use theoretical perspectives for the study of rural issues and rural populations. 5. Develop micro-oriented and global-oriented explanations for rural issues. 6. Investigate the spectrum of diversity present in rural areas of the United States, particularly as it refers to ethnic and age issues. 7. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and covert dynamics of unequal power relations among rural and urban areas, ethnic groups and age-based groups. 8. Describe the experiences and social contributions of those who shape rural American society and culture. 9. Discuss how core groups and marginalized groups differ in their approaches to life in rural America.
MnTC goal areas:	5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences 7A. Human Diversity 7B. Race, Power, and Justice

**Can be taking as a Prerequisite or Corequisite.*

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