

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## SOC 325: Social Movements

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: \*.\*

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

- SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Analysis of movement origins, ideology, dynamics, organization, challenges and success in creating social change. Theories and case studies of past and current movements, global to local.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 10/22/2002 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Theories on social movements
  - (a) Resource Mobilization Theory
  - (b) Structural Strain Theory
  - (c) Political Opportunity Structure
  - (d) New Social Movement Theory
2. Key Social Movement Case Studies
  - (a) Civil Rights Movement
  - (b) Women's Rights Movement
  - (c) Environmental Movement
  - (d) Labor Movement
  - (e) Gay Rights Movement
  - (f) New American Right Movement
3. 3. Special Issues in Social Movement Studies
  - (a) What repertoire of protest tactics and collective action strategies do social movements adopt to achieve their ends, and why? How do they contend with the problem of violence?
  - (b) Collective Action Frames and Master Frames
  - (c) The Free-Rider Problem
  - (d) The problem of recruiting adherents (both beneficiary constituents and conscience constituents)

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Offer insight into specific movement case studies such as (1) the civil rights movement, (2) the women's movement, (3) the gay and lesbian movement, (4) the environmental movement, (5) the new American right, and (6) the global justice movement.
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### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted