Course Title:
Poverty

Course Number:
HR 5970-433

Course Description:
Students will be exploring issues of poverty through reading, researching, writing and field research. Three books that are listed in the syllabus will be read.

Course Dates:
September 1-December 31, 2012
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: September 1, 2012

Site Director:
Please see your local Site Director or e-mail Carolyn Taylor at cataylor@ou.edu

Professor Contact Information:

- Course Professor: Katie Barwick-Snell, Ed.D.
- Mailing Address: Department of Human Relations
  The University of Oklahoma
  601 Elm Room # 716
  Norman, OK  73019
- Telephone Number: (405) 325-3115
- Fax Number: (405) 325-4402
- E-mail Address: katie@ou.edu
- Virtual Office Hours: Contact professor for this information.
- Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students during the above listed Virtual Office Hours and other methods by arrangement.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-7140 (outside the U.S.).


4. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

OU E-Mail:
All official correspondence from distance learning instructors will be sent only to students’ ou.edu address.

Online Learning Resource Center:
The Online Learning Resource Center of the University of Oklahoma’s College of Arts and Sciences Online Program is here to serve you and assist you with any questions, problems, or concerns you may have. For assistance go to http://casweb.ou.edu/olr/ or contact us by telephone at: (405) 325-5854 or Email: casonline@ou.edu

Course Objectives:
- To learn and investigate the pressures of families face in poverty.
- To explore the issues children face and how to break the cycle of poverty.
- To practice writing research questions and writing a literature review.

Course Outline:
- Read the three books that are listed in this syllabus.
- Write two papers on contemporary pressures that children and families of poverty face. Details are on the Learn site.

Assignments, Grading, and Due Dates:
1. In the first paper you will have the option to explore problems of poverty, expectations of women’s and men’s roles in the family and workplace as they relate to poverty, issues of children in poverty, and issues of health care and poverty. It depends on what is of interest to you after reading the class texts. In writing the paper, please use the class texts, but, I also want you to use academic sources you find in the library and online. I particularly want you to find sources that back up your paper premise.

2. The second assignment is to propose a research question on this topic and write a literature review (of at least 10 sources) and explain why you think this is an important question to present. The assignments are on the content page.

BOTH papers are due 1 week before the end of class!

Grading:
This course is graded Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory (S/U). A grade of S is equivalent to B or better.

NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.

Incomplete Grade Policy:
A grade of “I” is not automatically assigned, but rather must be requested by the student by submitting to the instructor a “Petition for and Work to Remove an Incompleted Grade” form. An “I” can never be used in lieu of an “F” nor can an “I” be assigned because of excessive failure to participate in class activities.
Technical Support Information:
If you experience technical problems, contact Information Technology by visiting their website at: http://webapps.ou.edu/it/ or contacting them by telephone at: (405) 325-HELP (4357).

Important information you should know about online courses:

• To sign on to Desire2Learn (D2L), go to www.learn.ou.edu and log in using your 4+4 and your OU network password (note that this is the same 4+4 and password that you use to access your OU email). Once you are logged in, please look on the right-hand side for “My Courses,” locate your course and click on it. Remember to check your course site on D2L every day.

• Students enrolled in online courses may be required to take the CAS student orientation in Desire2Learn. To take the orientation, sign-on to D2L and then click on “Self Registration” at the top left corner of the page. Information about and instructions for the orientation can be found at http://casweb.ou.edu/olr/public/students/orientation.htm

• If the course is using a course website, you will find a link for the website on the first page of this syllabus. Please click on this link to start your course.

• Course Materials are available at Follett/AP Bookstore. On this syllabus you will find a link to the Follett Bookstore.

• If you need to drop or withdraw from a course, please contact your Site Director. You can drop a course without a penalty up to the add/drop date. Courses dropped after the add/drop date may result in a penalty.

• After the class has started, you can only withdraw from the course with the professor’s permission; you will not receive a refund for your tuition. You can only drop without a penalty after the add/drop date by providing proper documentation and receiving approval from the Advanced Programs Theater Director. Provide this documentation to your Site Director.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Note: Attendance/absences do not apply to online courses. However, participation in all course activities is extremely important to student success in online courses.

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

The College of Continuing Education [Advanced Programs] is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

Copyright

Any and all course materials, syllabus, lessons, lectures, etc. are the property of professor teaching the course and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and are protected under applicable copyright.

For more information about Advanced Programs, visit our website at: http://www.goou.ou.edu/
INSTRUCTOR VITA

Katherine Barwick-Snell, Ed.D.

Education

• 1995  Ed.D., Occupational and Adult Education, Oklahoma State University
• 1981  MS, University of Oklahoma
• 1977  BS, Mississippi State University

Current Positions

• Advanced Programs Professor since 1993
• Assistant Professor of Human Relations, University College and the College of Liberal Studies, University of Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

• HR 5093  Introduction to Graduate Studies in Human Relations
• HR 5013  Current Problems in Human Relations

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

• Academic Advisor for the New HR Undergraduate program;
• Working with Adult Students;
• Social Support of Returning Students;
• Curriculum Development;
• Gender Issues;
• Human Development

Representative Publications and Presentations

• Current research papers in progress:
  • Other Mothering- Chapter in Academic Feminist Journal
  • Murrah Memories- Perspectives on Mississippi Integration 1973-74

Representative Honors and Awards Received

• College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Award 2009
• OU Athletic Dept. “Teacher That Inspires” Award, 2004
• WHO Foundation grant recipient 2003
• College of Liberal Studies Faculty Award-2000
• College of A & S Instructional Technology Awards-Online course development
• Phi Kappa Phi, National Honorary, Officer
• Delta Kappa Gamma Research Scholarship-Doctoral research OSU
• Omicron Nu Home Economics Honor Society
• Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honors Society
• Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
• Wilena Ratcliff Scholarship-MSU
Major Professional Affiliations

- National Academic Advising Association
- Delta Kappa Gamma
- American University Women
- American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
- American Home Economics Association
- Oklahoma Federation of Home Economics
- Adult Education Research Council (AERC)
- Phi Kappa Phi