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1. **Course Number:** SOC211
Course Title: Domestic Violence and Victimology
2. **Description:** The major focus of this sociology course introduces students to research on domestic violence and victimology. Theories of domestic violence (the resource theory, symbolic interaction theory, functionalism, conflict theory, and criminological theories) are introduced, defined, and applied throughout the class. The macro-sociological view looks at violence as a societal-level. The micro-sociological view looks at the social interaction between perpetrators and victims. Data, research, and case studies are explored.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
 - Define domestic violence and victimology
 - Describe the theories that help explain why domestic violence happens.
 - Examine the incidence and prevalence rates of domestic violence local, state, and national.
 - Research the latest studies such as the National Victimization Study, The FBI Crime Report, and the Journal of Marriage and Family studies.
 - Define perpetrator, batterer, and victim.
 - Describe the early childhood socialization process in the making of violent offenders.
 - Analyze the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in domestic violence cases.
 - Describe the reciprocity of the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisites:** SOC106
7. **Semester Offered:** Fall
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated based on exams, group collaboration, written assignments, and participation.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**