**SOC450: Community Development and Advocacy**
**Department of Sociology**
**Course Duration:** Fall 2022 - Winter 2023 (Full Year)

**Course Overview:**
SOC450 focuses on developing and implementing a community development plan aimed at addressing critical social issues such as housing, education, or public health. Students will work on advocacy projects in collaboration with local organizations and stakeholders.

**Learning Objectives:**
1. **Needs Assessment:** Conduct assessments to identify community needs and prioritize areas for development.
2. **Project Planning:** Develop comprehensive plans for community development initiatives.
3. **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Engage and collaborate with local organizations and community members.
4. **Advocacy Strategies:** Formulate and implement strategies for advocacy and policy change.
5. **Evaluation & Reporting:** Evaluate the impact of community projects and prepare detailed reports.

**Course Breakdown & Milestones:**

| Stage | Weeks | Focus | Activities | Deliverables | Due Date |
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| **1. Introduction & Assessment** | 1-4 | Community Needs Assessment | Overview of community issues, needs assessment | Community Needs Assessment Report (15%) | September 30, 2022 |
| **2. Project Design & Planning** | 5-8 | Designing Development Projects | Designing projects, setting goals and objectives | Project Proposal (20%) | October 31, 2022 |
| **3. Stakeholder Engagement** | 9-12 | Engaging Local Organizations | Meetings with stakeholders, collecting feedback | Stakeholder Engagement Summary (15%) | December 15, 2022 |
| **4. Implementation & Advocacy** | 13-20 | Implementing Projects & Advocacy | Implementing projects, advocacy activities | Implementation Progress Report (20%) | February 15, 2023 |
| **5. Evaluation & Reflection** | 21-24 | Evaluating Impact & Reflecting | Evaluating project | Final Evaluation Report (20%) | April 1, 2023 |

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|       |             | outcomes, final reflections | Final Reflection Paper (10%) | April 10, 2023 |

**Grading Breakdown:**
- **Community Needs Assessment Report:** 15%
- **Project Proposal:** 20%
- **Stakeholder Engagement Summary:** 15%
- **Implementation Progress Report:** 20%
- **Final Evaluation Report:** 20%
- **Final Reflection Paper:** 10%

**Total: 100%**

**Detailed Deliverables:**
1. **Community Needs Assessment Report (15%)**
   - **Description:** A comprehensive report on identified community needs and priority areas for development.
   - **Due Date:** September 30, 2022
2. **Project Proposal (20%)**
   - **Description:** Detailed proposal outlining the community development project, including goals, objectives, and implementation strategies.
   - **Due Date:** October 31, 2022
3. **Stakeholder Engagement Summary (15%)**
   - **Description:** Summary of engagement activities with local organizations and feedback received.
   - **Due Date:** December 15, 2022
4. **Implementation Progress Report (20%)**
   - **Description:** Report on the progress of project implementation, including challenges encountered and solutions applied.
   - **Due Date:** February 15, 2023
5. **Final Evaluation Report (20%)**
   - **Description:** Evaluation of the project's impact on the community, including data analysis and recommendations.
   - **Due Date:** April 1, 2023
6. **Final Reflection Paper (10%)**
   - **Description:** Reflective paper on the overall experience of the course, including insights gained and personal development.
   - **Due Date:** April 10, 2023

This syllabus for SOC450 outlines a structured approach to community development and advocacy, focusing on needs assessment, project design, stakeholder engagement, implementation, and evaluation. The combined phases ensure a comprehensive learning experience, culminating in actionable community impact.