

## SOC 2650 - Human Trafficking

### Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42381,

Credit hours: 3

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## Public Instructor Information

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*Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor w/ Supervisor designation, State of Ohio, 1997 to present*

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## Course Description

2650. Human Trafficking. An introduction to human trafficking by exploring the social constructs that define the sex and labor trade and understanding how social institutions support them. Topics include identifying traffickers, buyers and victims/survivors; legislation; state and local responses; coalitions and law enforcement; and society's efforts to prevent trafficking in persons. 3 s.h.

## Course Readings

| Group    | Title                                                                                              | Author                   | ISBN              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Required | "The Essential Abolitionist: What You Need to Know about Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery" | J. Vanick, 2019, revised | 978-0-9971180-0-1 |

Your quizzes will come from the textbook.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

## Schedule of Topics and Assignments

| Week of | Reading(s)                                               | Proposed Topic                                                       | Due/To Prepare for Class                        |
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| 8/24    | Review Blackboard Materials Essay and Chapter 7 assigned | Intro to class and video<br>HT 101 Basic Training                    | (Quizzes open 8/30)                             |
| 8/31    | Review Blackboard Materials                              | Activity on Chapter 7<br>Speaker                                     | 9/01 Classroom activity<br>9/01 1st Impress due |
| 9/7     | Review Blackboard Materials                              | Sociological Theories, Agents of<br>Socialization, Social Constructs | Speaker feedback due 9/06                       |
| 9/14    | Review Blackboard Materials                              | Sociological Theories, Agents of<br>Socialization, Social Constructs | 9/17 Extra Credit and Honors requests due       |
| 9/21    | Review Blackboard Materials                              | "I am Jane Doe" video                                                |                                                 |



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| 9/28  | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | Activity on video<br>HT and Special populations       | 9/29 Classroom activity                                     |
| 10/5  | Review Blackboard Materials<br>Assign Homework                             | Labor Trafficking                                     | 10/04 Quizzes due<br>10/08 homework due/ Classroom Activity |
| 10/12 | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | Trauma / ACE's / Treatment Risk Protective<br>factors |                                                             |
| 10/19 | Review Blackboard Materials<br>Exam #1 posted                              | Trauma / ACE's / Treatment Risk Protective<br>factors | Classroom activities on 10/20 and 10/22                     |
| 10/26 | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | "Sugaring" and Traffickers                            | Exam #1 due 10/29                                           |
| 11/2  | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | Traffickers /Buyers                                   |                                                             |
| 11/9  | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | Buyers / John School                                  | 11/09 Classroom activity                                    |
| 11/16 | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | Courts / ORC's /LEO's                                 | Extra Credit projects due 11/19                             |
| 11/23 | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | Courts / ORC's /LEO's                                 | 11/24 Classroom activity                                    |
| 11/30 | Review Blackboard Materials                                                | "Full Circle" / Wrap-up                               | Exam #2 In class                                            |
| 12/7  | We will only meet this week if necessary, per<br>student and course needs. | CLass wrap-up if necessary                            | Dec 10th 10:30am – 12:30pm if necessary                     |

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