



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION
COURSE OUTLINE
SOCIOLOGY 1000 (D2): INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

PREREQUISITE(S) / COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT / RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Macionis, John J., Jansson, S. Mikael and Benoit, Cecilia M. (2013) *Society: the basics*.
Pearson.

http://www.coursesmart.com/IR/1730678/9780132091466?_hdv=6.8

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the theory, methods, and substance of sociology. How societies and individuals are shaped and modified by culture, socialization, deviance, stratification, group processes, industrialization and social movements will be covered.

CREDIT / CONTACT HOURS: 3(3-0-0), 45 hours

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

OBJECTIVES: To analyze contemporary society by learning to

- use the sociological perspective in understanding personal circumstances
- perceive institutional culture
- question socialization – learning culture and norms
- analyze social interaction – affirming and creating norms
- appreciate deviance – despite or because of socialization
- critique social inequality, local and global
- question race and ethnicity
- perceive family forms
- differentiate sex and gender
- connect population and reproduction

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC, GMU

Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

GRADING CRITERIA: FOR IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ONLY

ALPHA GRADE	4-POINT EQUIVALENT	PERCENTAGE
A+	4.3	80-100
A	4.0	76-79
A-	3.7	73-75
B+	3.3	70-72
B	3.0	67-69
B-	2.7	64-66
C+	2.3	60-63
C	2.0	55-59
C-	1.7	50-54
D+	1.3	45-49
D	1.0	40-44
F	0.0	<40

All other assignments are marked on the alpha system.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Designation
A⁺	4.0	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	
A⁻	3.7	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	
B	3.0	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	
C⁺	2.3	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	
C⁻	1.7	
D⁺	1.3	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	
F	0.0	FAIL
WF	0.0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATION

In-class Assignments		25.0%
Reading reflections	3x12.5% each	37.5%
Answers to questions	3x12.5% each	37.5%

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

There will be two principal kinds of assignments which will determine course grades: Reading Reflections and responses to Take-Home questions posed by the instructor. (For a description of Reading Reflections, see below.) Students will submit at least three of each, at a rate of not more than one a week, at my office by 2 p.m. on Mondays (including holidays). Only one assignment may be submitted for each week. **Only one late assignment** may be handed in, by 2 p.m. on Monday of Week 15. Each assignment will be worth 12.5% of the final course grade (75% in total). If more than the required number of assignments is submitted, the lowest marks will be dropped from calculation of the course grade. Excessive grammatical or spelling errors may result in the loss of points. Double-space all assignments. Please practice double-sided printing, to save paper. Only paper copies of assignments are accepted. Students are invited to meet with me for an in-depth writing tutorial on their assignments or to discuss any topic related to the course.

Twenty-five percent of the course grade will be based on in-class assignments throughout the term. Many opportunities to earn points will be provided, so there will be no make-ups for these. For in-class assignments **ONLY**, calculate your mark as a percentage of total marks obtainable. (See the scale above.) The instructor will store students' assignments until the second week of the following academic term, when they will be discarded.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf

Other policies worth studying are

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Course_Outline.pdf

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Grading_Policy.pdf

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf

All Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week 1-2 Introduction to sociology

Chapter 1. Sociology: Perspective, theory, and method.

Week 3 Culture

Chapter 2. Culture

Week 4 Socialization

Chapter 3. Socialization

Weeks 5 Social interaction

Chapter 4. Social interaction in everyday life

Weeks 6-7 Deviance and social control

Chapter 7. Deviance

Prison Fellowship International, *Restorative Justice Online*. Accessed August 21, 2011

at <http://www.restorativejustice.org/> "Restorative justice emphasizes repairing the harm caused by crime. When victims, offenders and community members meet to decide how to do that, the results can be transformational."

Week 8 Social inequality: Canada

Chapter 8. Social stratification

Week 9 Economics and politics

Chapter 12. Economics and politics

Week 10 Ethnic and race relations

11. Race and ethnicity

Week 11 Marriage and family

Chapter 13, pp. 338-357. Family

Week 12 Gender and sexuality

Chapter 10. Gender stratification

Chapter 6. Sexuality and society

Week 13 Population

Chapter 15. Population, urbanization, and environment.