



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE - FALL 2014

SOCIOLOGY 1000 (D2): INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY – 3 (3-0-0) 45 hours

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PREREQUISITE(S) / COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT / RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Nock, Laurie (Ed.) (2015). *Introductory sociology: Sociology 1000 D2*. Pearson Custom Library. ISBN 9781269700016.

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 credits / 3 hours per week

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

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%
(Final examination		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. Questions are distributed at the beginning of term, numbered according to the week they are due. Reading reflections are to focus on the readings assigned for the week they are submitted. (For further description of Reading Reflections, see Course Details.) Students will submit three of each, at a rate of not more than one a week, at my office by 12 p.m. on Mondays (including holidays). Only one assignment may be submitted for each week. **Only one late assignment** may be handed in, during the scheduled final examination. Each 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. Only paper copies of assignments are accepted, except for students who are video-conferencing. Students are expected 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 points obtainable. (See the scale above.).

In compliance with the Examination Policy, students must sign in for the final examination scheduled by the Registrar's Office. At that time, three assignments (Take-Home Questions or Reading Reflections) must be submitted. One of these may be your late assignment. The other two (or all three) must have been submitted and graded previously, when they were due. To improve your grade, you may correct the assignments as suggested in comments on your work; the original must accompany the corrected version.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Links to all Academic and Administrative policies can be found at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

- Week 1-2 Introduction to sociology
Reading: The sociological perspective
- Week 3 Culture
Reading: Culture
- Week 4 Socialization
Reading: Socialization
- Weeks 5 Social interaction
Reading: Social interaction in everyday life
- Weeks 6-7 Deviance and social control
Reading: Deviance
- Week 8 Social inequality: Canada
Reading: Social class in Canada
- Week 9 Economics and politics
Reading: The economy and work
Politics and government
- Week 10 Ethnic and race relations
Reading: Race & ethnicity
- Week 11 Marriage and family
Reading: Family
- Week 12 Gender and sexuality
Reading: Sexuality and society
Gender stratification
- Week 13 Population
Reading: Population