



COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Name: Sociology 1: Intro to Sociology

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Effective Date: Sept 2015

School or Centre:		Department:	
School of Arts and Science		University Transfer - Humanities	
Course History:		Year of Study:	
Click arrow for options		1st Year Post-secondary	
Name of Replacing Course (if applicable):	Course Number:	SOCI 1100	
	Number of Credits:	3.0	

Course Pre-requisites (if applicable):
None

Course Co-requisites (if applicable):

PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition) No Yes (details below):

Course Description:
This course introduces the discipline of sociology, its major social theories and research methods, to study social structure and social processes, with an emphasis on formal organizations, culture and identity, and social stratification. The main theories in sociology are employed to examine the following areas: socialization, organizations and bureaucracy, gender and sexuality, culture and mass media, deviance and crime, race and ethnicity, and social stratification and inequality in a Canadian and global context.

Note to instructors: An instructional strategy is an approach that an instructor uses to achieve the learning outcomes (e.g., lecture, case study, video, group work).

Instructional Strategies:

Lectures, class and group discussions, films and library research.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply the scientific method in sociological analyses.
- Compare and contrast the major concepts and theories employed in sociology.
- Compare the strengths and weaknesses of the major approaches and research methods in sociology.
- Explain and employ the appropriate sociology theory in one or more of the subject areas.
- Apply research findings in written and oral sociology topics.
- Apply sociological theory and research to observations and analysis of human behavior and society.
- Apply critical thinking skills to knowledge construction in society, and other societal structures and processes.
- Apply knowledge of society, socialization, organizations, sex and gender, culture, mass media, deviance, education, and social stratification and inequality in sociological analyses.
- Integrate theory and demographic data on class, race/ethnicity, gender and age-based stratification issues into knowledge constructions of society.
- Apply information literacy and research skills in library searches.
- Research and critically analyze current sociological articles in peer reviewed journals

Program Learning Outcomes:

If this course is taken as a requirement or an elective in the following first year, University Transfer Certificate programs, the learning outcomes are found in the relevant Program Content Guides available at the Counseling and Advising Service areas.

University Transfer Arts Certificate

University Transfer Pathway to Health Sciences Certificate

University Transfer Science Certificate

University Transfer Physics for Modern Technology Certificate

University Transfer Computing Science and Software Systems Certificate

Evaluation/Grading System *(Click on drop down box arrows to see list of options)*

Grading System	Specify if 'Other':	Specify Passing Grade:
Letter Grades		D

Components and Weighting of the Assessment/Evaluation Plan: *(Click on drop down box arrows to see list of options)*

Type	Percentage	Evaluation Plan (provide a brief explanation for each component especially if value exceeds 35%):
Assignments	20	written reports, library research and group work
Midterm Exam	20	2 exams at 20% each
Final Exam	25	
	10	
	25	
Total		100

Learning Environment/Type *(Select all that are used within the course)*

Instruction Type	Hours Per Instruction Type	Comments
L - Classroom	60	
Enter Total Hours	60	

Resource Material(s):

Resources are items in addition to tuition that the student is responsible for purchasing. Course resource information will be supplied by the department/instructor.

Course Topics and Sequence Covered:

1. History of the sociological perspective and the scientific method of sociology
2. Overview of the major theories and research methods
3. Introducing society, social structure, interaction
4. Formal organizations and bureaucracy
5. Socialization and culture including: gender, sex and sexuality, deviance and crime, and mass media
6. Theories of culture
7. Race and ethnicity
8. Social stratification and inequality in Canada and an introduction to global stratification

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