

XXX University – Sociology – Fall Session 2019

SOCXXXX: Understanding Society I: Principles & Processes

XX 200 - Tuesday & Thursday – 1:00pm – 2:30pm

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Office hours: Mon & Wed 1:00-2:30 + Tues 1130-1230 OR by appointment

Overview: Here we begin an introduction into foundational sociological theories & key concepts. Considering critically, how human actors become, and interact, as social beings. We address topics such as socialization, social roles, gender, race, racialization, ethnicity, colonization and stratification, with an emphasis on Canadian society. We will learn to examine critically the familiar, raise doubts about the common sense; consider the social world in anew.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Learn basic sociological concepts and theoretical approaches;
- 2) Apply theoretical approaches to our daily experiences;
- 3) Consider critically, ourselves as social actors, our social processes, groups & social roles;
- 4) Learn skills necessary for university-level writing and assignments.

Required Texts: Our text is a FREE open-source textbook available in various formats [Introduction to Sociology, 2nd Edition](https://opentextbc.ca/introductiontosociology2ndedition/): <https://opentextbc.ca/introductiontosociology2ndedition/>

Class: Combines lectures and discussions in small groups with weekly readings from the text. Taking notes & *being present* in class is key to doing well. Turn off those cell phones. Lecture slides will be posted to XXX. **XXX Code: SOCXXXX**

EVALUATION & MARKS DISTRIBUTION:

1) Short Assignment - 3 X 10%:	30%
2) Group exercise - 5 X 2%:	10%
3) In-Class Mid-Term Tues Oct 15:	30%
4) <u>Final Exam – Inclusive:</u>	30%
	100%

In-Class exercises: Five times during term we'll do a group exercise in-class, each worth 2%.

Short Assignments: 2-3 pages, based on chapter questions; Oct 3, Nov 7 & Dec 3

Mid Term Exam: THUR October 10 – IN-CLASS MID TERM

Final Exams: Exam period is Dec 5 – 17. DO NOT make travel plans before final date

Lectures & Readings: (* open to minor changes)

Week 1 - Sep 4: Introduction to course, meet prof, listen to tunes

Week 2 – Sep 10 & 12	Chapter 1 – Changing World & 4 Theoretical Schools
Week 3 - Sep 17 & 19	4 Theories continue & Chapter 3 - Culture
Week 4 – Sep 24 & 26	Chapter 4 - Industrialization & Modernity
Week 5 – Oct 1 & 3	Modernity Continued + 1st Assignment Due
Week 6 - Oct 8 & <u>10</u>	Chapter 5 – Socialization – Mid Term

READING WEEK - OCT. 14-18 - NO CLASSES

Week 8 - Oct 22 & 24	Chapter 6 – Socialization: Residential School as re-socialization, Social Groups & Institutions
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Oct 25 - Last Day to Withdraw - Without Academic Penalty

Week 8 – Oct 29 & 31	Institutions Continued - Chapter 7 - Deviance, Crime & Discipline
Week 9 – Nov 5 & <u>7</u>	Chapter 9 - Stratification & Inequality + 2nd Assignment Due
Week 10 – Nov 12 & 14	Chapter 11 - Indigeneity, Ethnicity, Race, Racialization
Week 11 – Nov 19 – 21	Chapter 12 - Sexuality, Gender, Ethnicity, Race
Week 12 – Nov 26 – 28	Chapter 8 & 10 – Media & Globalization
Week 13 – Dec <u>3</u>	LAST DAY OF CLASSES – Final exam Review + 3rd Assignment Due

Academic Regulations: Familiarize yourself with Student Code of Conduct. Academic Calendar, p. XX: *Professor reserves the right to conduct an oral exam of a student and their work.*

Attendance: Please attend all classes & arrive on time. Missing more than 20% of the class—may result in the being denied a course credit.

Late penalties: The Soci department penalty for late assignments is 5% deducted from the grade for being one (1) day late, e.g. 65% becomes 60%. A further 1% a day will be deducted per day. Assignments may be handed in in-class or via the University Drop Box outside XXX: X Floor

<p>**Talk to your Professor**: Please tell me ASAP if there is something I should know such as a) you need to maintain an average for a scholarship, b) you are engaged in varsity or other extracurricular activities that may impact your studies, etc.</p>
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