

DEPARTMENT Humanities and Social Sciences

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2024

SO1000(C2&VC): Introductory Sociology – 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS:	By Appointment	CLASS TIME:	Synchronous & On-Campus Room B305 Tue: 18:00 – 20:50

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.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

The following textbook will be used in this course and is available in the bookstore. Cumming, Sarah. 2020. *Sociology* Unlocked. Oxford University Press.

DELIVERY MODE(S): On-Campus & Synchronous

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students in Introduction to Sociology should concentrate on how to:

1. Define Sociology
2. Comprehend the relationship between structure and agency
3. Understand the difference between common sense and sociological research
4. Outline the major theoretical perspectives in sociology

5. Describe the different features of culture
6. Understand the role of socialization
7. Outline the elements of social structure
8. Understand the different systems of stratification
9. Distinguish between sex and gender
10. Be able to explain the structure and functions of family
11. Recognize the defining features of minority, racial, and ethnic groups
12. Explain the difference between crime and deviance
13. Be able to explain the importance of demography in world issues
14. And be able to discuss how health and illness are influenced by income level, minority status, and gender.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca>.

**** 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**

EVALUATIONS:

Assessment	Total Point	Weight
10 Chapter Quizzes (2 pts each *10)	20 pts	20%
Reflection papers (*4; 6.25 pts each)	25 pts	25%
Midterm	25 pts	25%
Final Exam	30 pts	30%
Total	100 pts	100%

Chapter Weekly Quizzes

Beginning week 3, you will complete chapter quizzes on our course webpage (myClass). There will be 10 questions (multiple choice). These quizzes serve to encourage you to consistently read the chapters and to test your knowledge as we move forward in the course. Beginning the third week of the class (See below), **quizzes will open on Monday at midnight and close the following Sunday at 11:59 PM.** It is your responsibility to ensure that you complete these quizzes on time. No exceptions will be made for lateness.

Reflection Papers

At the end of each unit, students will complete 4 short individual assignments based on the content for each unit (1-2 pages, double-spaced). Each application assigned will be graded based on the quality of application of content, demonstration of understanding, and ability to critically engage with the content discussed in the unit. No citations or outside sources are necessary for these assignments. More specific

instructions for these assignments will be given in class on the date on which they are assigned. Students have 1 week to finish the assignments, which are to be submitted on MyClass before the start of class (see below for schedule of these times). Students must complete all 4 assignments for complete marks.

Midterm and Final Exam

The Midterm and Final Exam will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions with choice. There will be a brief review in class before the midterm and final exam respectively. These will test your knowledge and application of concepts, theories, and perspectives on the course material (textbook chapters, classroom lectures, discussions, and video clips). The final exam is cumulative but with an emphasis on 'big picture ideas' covered throughout the semester.

Grading Chart for courses with Alpha Grading:

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Unit and Date	Class Date	Topic	Readings	Assignments
1: Foundations of Sociology				
Week1:	Sept 3	Introduction to Course, Meet and Greet	Chapter 1	
Week2:	Sept 10	Sociological Theories	Chapter 2	Quiz 1 Due

Week3:	Sept 17	Sociological Methods	Chapter 2	Reflection Paper 1 Due Sept 25, 11:59 pm. Quiz 2 Due
2: Culture and Socialization				
Week4:	Sep 24	Culture	Chapter 3	Quiz 3 Due
Week5:	Oct 1	Socialization and Social Interaction	Chapter 4 & 5	Quiz 4 Due
Week6:	Oct 8	Families Midterm	Chapter 8	Reflection Paper 2 Due Quiz 5 Due
3: Institutions and Organizations				
Week7:	Oct 15	Deviance and Crime	Chapter 10	Quiz 6 Due
Week8:	Oct 22	Education	Notes on MyClass	Quiz 7 Due
Week9:	Oct 29	Health and Illness	Chapter 12	Quiz 8 Due Reflection Paper 3 Due
4: Stratification and Inequality				
Week10:	Nov 5	Class Inequality	Chapter 6	Quiz 9 Due
Week11:	Nov 12	Reading Week – No Classes		
Week12:	Nov 19	Race and Ethnicity	Chapter 7	Quiz 10 Due
Week13:	Nov 26	Gender	Chapter 8	Reflection Paper 4 Due
Week14:	Dec 3	Religion	Notes on MyClass	
Week 15:	Dec 10	Revision		

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Sep 3 – Classes Start

Sep 30 – TRC Day

Oct 14 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov 11, Remembrance Day

Nov 27 – Last Day to Withdraw

Dec 10, Last day of classes

Dec 12 – 19 Final Exam Period

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Ultimately, you are responsible for your learning and performance in this course.

Your grades are posted to myClass, so please be sure you are tracking them there. If you believe there is an error, please let your instructor know.

Submission & Late Policies:

- Equally important to learn and apply professional communication skills, such as writing proper e-mail messages, it is very important to learn to meet deadlines. Complete your assignments on time!
- Late assignments received will be deducted 5% for every late day (including weekends!).
- Incomplete assignments will receive a grade of 0 unless you have a valid reason supported with appropriate documentation (i.e., a medical note from an M.D.) and you discuss it with me well in advance of any due date.
- Note: extensions will be given only when students notify the instructor prior to the deadline and present valid evidence excusing lateness.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.