

DEPARTMENT Humanities and Social Sciences

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2023

SO1000(B2&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 Mon: 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 (10 pts each *10) + 1 bonus	100 pts	10%
Reflection papers (*4; 20 pts each)	80 pts	35%
Midterm	60 pts	25%
Final Exam	100 pts	30%
Total	340 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), and one bonus quiz. 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	90-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89	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 11	Introduction to Course, Meet and Greet	Read Chapter 1 for Sept 7	
Week2:	Sept 18	Sociological Theories	Chapter 2	

Week3:	Sept 25	Sociological Methods	Chapter 2	Reflection Paper 1 Due Sept 25, 11:59 pm. Quiz 1 Due Sept 29
2: Culture and Socialization				
Week4:	Oct 2	Culture	Chapter 3	Quiz 2 Due Oct 1
Week5:	Oct 9	Socialization and Social Interaction	Chapter 4 & 5	Quiz 3 Due Oct 8
Week6:	Oct 16	Families Midterm Review (Oct 12)	Chapter 8	Reflection Paper 2 Due Oct 16, 11:59 pm. Quiz 4 Due Oct 15
3: Institutions and Organizations				
Week7:	Oct 23	Midterm (Oct 17) Media (Oct 19)	None	Quiz 5 Due Oct 22
Week8:	Oct 30	Deviance and Crime	Chapter 10	Quiz 6 Due Oct 29
Week9:	Nov 6	Education	Notes on MyClass	Quiz 7 Due Nov 5
Week10:	Nov 13	Fall Break		
Week11:	Nov 20	Health and Illness	Chapter 12	Reflection Paper 3 Due Nov 20, 11:59 pm Quiz 8 Due Nov 19
4: Stratification and Inequality				
Week12:	Nov 27	Class Inequality	Chapter 6	Quiz 9 Due Nov 26

Week13:	Dec 4	Race and Ethnicity	Chapter 7	Quiz 10 Due Dec 3
Week14:	Dec 11	Gender	Chapter 8	Reflection Paper 4 Due Dec 15, 11:59 pm Bonus Quiz Due Dec 10

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept 5 – Classes Start

Sept 14 – Last Day to Add/Drop classes.

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov 13 – In-lieu of Remembrance Day

Nov 14 – Nov 17 - Reading Week, No classes.

Nov 28 – last Day to Withdraw

Dec 12 – Last day of classes

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.