



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION
SOCIOLOGY 1000: INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
COURSE OUTLINE, FALL, 2011

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

PREREQUISITE(S) / COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT / RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Macionis, John J., Jansson, S. Mikael and Benoit, Cecilia M. (2012) *Society: the basics*.
Pearson

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

An examination of the theory, methods, and substance of sociology, how societies and individuals are shaped and modified including culture, socialization, deviance, stratification, group processes, industrialization and social movements.

CREDIT / CONTACT HOURS: 3(3-0-0), 45 hours

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC

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

EXAMINATIONS: **No examinations**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

There will be two principal kinds of assignments which will determine course grades: Reading Reflections and responses to Take-Home questions posed by the instructor. (For a description of Reading Reflections, see below.) Students will submit at least three of each, at a rate of not more than one a week, by 2 p.m. on Mondays. Only one assignment may be submitted for each week. (Place these on my door, or take to the mailroom for privacy.) **Only one late assignment** may be handed in, at 2 p.m. on Thursday of Week 14. Each assignment 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. Please practice double-sided printing, to save paper. Only paper copies of assignments are accepted. Students are invited 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 marks obtainable. (See the scale above.) The instructor will store students' assignments until the second week of the following academic term, when they will be discarded.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Please refer to Academic Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating. These are serious issues and will be dealt with severely.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week 1-2	Introduction to sociology
Week 3	Culture
Week 4	Socialization
Weeks 5	Social interaction
Weeks 6-7	Deviance and social control
Week 8	Social inequality: Canada
Week 9	Global inequality
Week10	Ethnic and race relations
Week 11	Marriage and family
Week 12	Gender and sexuality
Week 13	Population