



**Class Room: OA 1033**  
**5:30 – 7:00 PM**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

## **Introductory Sociology**

**Facilitator: Dr. Kevin D. Willison**

**Lakehead University (Orillia Campus, 500 University Avenue)**

COURSE NUMBER :

**SOCI 1100 - YAO**

**Office Hours: By Appointment:** [kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca)

TERM/YEAR:

Fall/Winter  
2012-2013

HOURS PER WEEK:

3

LEVEL:

Undergraduate (Year 1)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A brief introduction to the academic field of Sociology. This university-level course covers a broad range of topics, including a look at culture and society, deviant behaviour, organizations, sociological theory, etc. A variety of learning strategies will be deployed.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:** **Sociology – a Canadian Perspective.** Third Edition. Oxford University Press. Editors: Tepperman, Albanese and Curtis. 2012. ISBN 978-0-19-544380-6.

### **SYLLABUS OVERVIEW for Term 1 (September 2012 – December 2012)**

#### **September** 2012

- [-] Class One – Overview of course outline, required text, and evaluation. Start of Chapter One.
- [-] Chapter 1 – Theory and Methodology
- [-] Chapter 2 – Research Methods

#### **October** 2012

- [-] Chapter 3 - Culture and Culture Change
- [-] Chapter 4 - Socialization

#### **November** 2012

- [-] Chapter 5 – Statuses, Roles, Self and Identity
- [-] Chapter 7 (**skip** Chapter 6) – Deviance

**December 2012 Exam:** Date: To be determined by the Registrar (and, will be announced in class when known).

### **SYLLABUS OVERVIEW for Term 2 (January 2013 – April 2013)**

#### **January** 2013

- [-] Chapter 11 (**skip** Chapters 8, 9 and 10) – Ethnic and Race Relations
- [-] Chapter 12 – The Social Aspects of Aging

#### **February** 2013

- [-] Chapter 14 (**skip** chapter 13) - Education
- [-] Chapter 15 – Work and the Economy

#### **March/April** 2013

- [-] Chapter 16 – Health Issues (Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Medicine)
- [-] Chapter 24 (**skip** chapters 17-23) - The Environment (Introduction to Environmental Sociology)

**April 2013 Exam:** Date: To be determined by the Registrar (and, will be announced in class when known).

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#### ***Evaluation:***

<b>Term 1 Requirements: (Sept. – December 2012)</b>	<b>Grading:</b>	<b>When:</b>
Term 1 - Test ONE	10 percent	Thursday October 11, 2012
Term 1 – Test TWO	10 percent	Thursday November 15, 2012
December Exam (date/time set by Registrar)	30 percent	Date to be announced when known.
<b>Term 2 Requirements: (Jan. – April 2013)</b>	<b>Grading:</b>	<b>When:</b>
Term 2 – 15 min Drama Sessions (~13 Groups of 12)	10 percent	Presented January 15, 17 and 22
Term 2 – Test THREE	10 percent	Second week of March (Thursday)
April 2013 Exam (date/time set by Registrar)	30 percent	Date to be announced when known.

**\* Refer to page 04 for academic year schedule and, your Instructor's schedule.**

#### **Drama Session(s)**

Students will be required to participate in group work throughout the course, including participating in a 15-minute drama session, directly related to the field of Sociology. Further details concerning this will be provided in class (for example, how each group will be evaluated). Each group will be solely responsible for their team in terms of equal participation.

#### **Preparation and Participation**

Inquiry-based learning demands participation. Students should not only show up for classes but also to be actively engaged with the subject matter. Benefits? Students who are actively engaged, and have regular attendance, often do better academically than those who do not.

Sample Learning Strategy 1: (a) be presented a problem; (b) group up; (c) each group separately discusses material; (d) each group then formulate ideas / solutions; then (e) share ideas with entire class.

Sample Learning Strategy 2: (a) form a group; (b) be provided a question followed by a list of potential answers; (c) each group writes down their choice of what the best answer is; (d) the facilitator asks each group to discuss their answer - why they (you) believe it is the best answer; (e) class is then provided the correct answer by the facilitator and reasons why it is the best answer (based on the text and/or literature).

#### **Computer and Electronic Devices Policy**

Please turn off your cell phones and other text/paging devices when classes are in session (particularly on test and exam days) – so as to not disturb others around you. Laptops may be used in class for course note taking (not for games nor to watch movies, etc – thank you in advance).

#### **How to Contact the Course Instructor / Facilitator**

Dr. Kevin Willison may best be reached at [kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca). Please be sure to identify yourself and which course you taking, as your instructor teaches more than one course. **OFFICE HOURS:** are to be scheduled in advance by e-mail to the instructor (to meet Tuesday and/or Thursday).

**Withdrawal from the Course:** Students who wish to officially withdraw from this course with no academic penalty must do so by the due date indicated in their undergraduate calendar and/or departmental guidelines (see page 4 of this outline for further details).

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**Course Delivery:** Beyond student engagement and lectures, this course also uses Desire2Learn, Lakehead's new learning management system. There, you will find such material as posted PowerPoints. In general, students should engage in independent study by reviewing required text and other readings. Use this course outline as a guide.

**About Your Instructor:** Since September 2007 Kevin has had the opportunity to teach at Lakehead University (Orillia campus). This is Kevin's seventh time teaching Introductory Sociology (the first time was with Sheridan College in Oakville, and 5 previous times with Lakehead). As for other teaching experience, Dr. Willison has also taught at Ryerson University and Humber College in Toronto, plus McMaster University in Hamilton. Born and raised in Orillia, he attended Park Street Collegiate for grade 9 and Twin Lakes Secondary for grade 10 before moving to Windsor Ontario at the age of 15. Dr. Kevin Willison received his B.A. (Honors) from Queen's University in Kingston (Major: Sociology), his M.A. from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay (Major: Sociology), and his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto (Major: Social and Behavioral Health Sciences). His Ph.D. studies integrated such diverse disciplines as Public Health, Health Sociology and, Social Psychology. His interest in Sociology stems in part by his long-term focus on social justice and equity issues. To date, Dr. Willison has produced 11 peer-reviewed journal articles, three book chapters and one book. He has presented at over 27 conferences across Canada and, he is the founder of the Simcoe Community Research Group - SCRG). If interested, further details of Dr. Willison's interests, background and sample accomplishments may be viewed at:

<http://ca.linkedin.com/pub/dr-kevin-willison/44/239/271>

**Religious Observance Policy:** If you require religious accommodation, you must make your request to the instructor preferably within the first two weeks of the semester.

**Special Needs:** Dr. Kevin Willison has received specialized training in AODA (the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Training Act). As there may be a need to provide information in accessible formats to persons with disabilities, students with special needs who require accommodations should speak with their Instructor privately at the very start of the course. Appropriate documentation must be provided to Student Services. If needed, refer to <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/> for further information/instructions.

**Course Concerns:** Students are asked to speak with their Instructor first should there be a problem or concern you feel needs to be raised. Alternatively, please speak with the designated class Representatives (assigned at the start of each term). If this does not help to resolve your concerns feel free to contact the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery at: [skurisse@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:skurisse@lakeheadu.ca)).

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating during a test or exam is not acceptable. Doing so may lead to failure in the test, exam or course. Refer to your on-line academic calendar for specific Lakehead University rules and regulations pertaining to this. <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/>

#### **Course Management Policy:**

The following ground rules have been developed to ensure that the course runs smoothly and fairly and to create a positive classroom climate. There will be opportunities during the course (for example, through group work) for you to reflect on your own life experiences and history. You must use your own judgment regarding the disclosure of personal information. A sense of ethical obligation to others will lead us to agree to principles of confidentiality when personal information is heard, and to respect privacy when an individual chooses not to disclose. We further agree to respect the privacy of those not present in the class by not identifying them by name

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when discussions of professional or interpersonal dilemmas are cited. Also, let's be careful not to make remarks that may be offensive to others based on their race, gender, religion, beliefs, ability, appearance or sexual orientation.

**ACADEMIC SCHEDULE 2012-13**

**Fall/Winter 2012-13**

	Year Term Courses	Winter Term Courses
<b>Classes Start</b>	Mon., Sept 10	Mon., Jan 07
<b>Classes End</b>	Term 1: Mon Dec. 03 Term 2: Tues., April 9	Tues., April 09
<b>Final Date of Registration</b>	Fri., Sept 21	Fri., Jan 18
<b>Final Date to Withdraw (without Academic Penalty)</b>	Fri., Feb. 01	Fri., Feb. 15
<b>Exams</b>	Term 1: December 6-17 Term 2: April 12-24	April 12-24
<b>Exam Contingency Date</b>	Term 1: Dec. 18 Term 2: April 25	April 25
<b>Final Marks Due by Noon</b>	April 30	April 30

**The University Calendar:** <http://mycoursecalendar.lakeheadu.ca/>

- University Regulations, program & course information, academic session dates etc...

**Lakehead University Policies:** <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/>

- student code of conduct, test and examination policies, grades, and much more

**Orillia Student Affairs:** <http://orillia.lakeheadu.ca/student-affairs/>

**Weather:** The *Weather Network* is a good site: <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/caon0506>

\* Refer to the Lakehead University (Orillia) home page website to check for class cancellations.

**INSTRUCTOR'S SCHEDULE**

SOCI 2911 WAO Social Research Traditions (4:00 pm – 5:30 pm) Tues./Thurs. Room OA 2015

SOCI 1100 YAO Introductory Sociology (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm) Tues./Thurs. Room OA 1033

\* **Office Hours:** By appointment only (via e-mail to: [kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca)) - Tuesday afternoon, after 3 pm, is suggested. \* For this course, your instructor is best accessed by e-mail. Allow at least 8 hours for a response (which of course may take longer if Lakehead's e-mail web server is down).

\* Dr. Willison may often be away from the Orillia campus Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

\* E-mails sent to instructor a day prior to tests or exams may not be readily responded to. Please plan ahead.

