

Lakehead University
Department of Sociology
Sociology 1100 YA
Introduction to Sociology

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Fall and Winter Semesters: 2010-2011
Class Times: Tuesday and Thursday 1.00-2.30
Classes are held in: AT2001
Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 3.30-4.30

Required Texts

Murray, Lothian, Jane, Rick Linden and Diana Kendall. 2011. *Sociology In Our Times*. Toronto: Nelson Education Ltd.

Tepperman, Lorne and Harley Dickson. 2007. *Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives*. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

Course Description

Welcome to the exciting world of sociology. Throughout this course you will be challenged to look at the world through *sociological eyes*. You will explore concepts sociologists use to examine the social world. Of importance, will be an in-depth analysis of how sociologists conduct research. Sociological theories and the ways and end results of research will provide the background to explore such substantive areas as: culture, socialization, society, social structure, social interaction, networks, groups, organizations, deviance and crime, social class and stratification in Canada, global stratification, race and ethnic relations, sex and gender, aging, work and the economy, power, politics, government, families, intimate relationships, education, religion, health, health care, disability, population and urbanization, collective behaviour, social movements, and social change. The course will begin with an examination of theoretical perspectives and the methods sociologists use to conduct research.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to attend class regularly and actively participate in class discussions. As well, reading assignments are to be completed for the date they are assigned. The reading list is attached to this syllabus. It is your responsibility to ensure you know the dates and times of all examinations. In-class midterm examinations are listed below and are held in class, during regularly scheduled classes. The December and final examinations are posted by the registrar and the schedule for these can be found online.

Due dates are listed below for your two assignments. Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late assignments are docked at the rate of 5 marks a day.

No Assignments will be handed in electronically.

<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
Mid-Term Examination	10%	October 19, 2010
Assignment #1	10%	November 16, 2010
Christmas Examination	20%	Set by the Registrar
Mid-Term Examination	15%	February 8, 2011
Assignment #2	15%	March 10, 2011
Final Examination	20%	Set by the Registrar
Participation	<u>10%</u>	Throughout the course
	100%	

Examinations

Examinations will incorporate lectures, class discussions, films and assigned readings.

Article Reviews

There are two written assignments for you to complete. The first assignment is due November 16th, 2010 and the second assignment is due March 10th, 2011. For each assignment you will choose an article from *Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives* that is not on the assigned reading list. You cannot use the same article for both assignments. Each assignment is to be a critical analysis of the article you have chosen. By critical, it does not mean you have to focus on finding fault. Rather, you are to carefully analyze and evaluate the article. Critical analysis includes both positive and negative aspects.

Assignment #1 Due November 16th, 2010.

You will critically analyze the article you have chosen from *Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives* in 2 to 3 typed pages, using ASA (American Sociological Association) style. The paper is to be double-spaced, using 12 font. In this assignment you will summarize the article in two to three sentences. Outline the two or three most important points the author makes. Using critical analysis discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the author's arguments. What, if anything has the author left out of the article? What is the sociological relevance of the article? Why or why not would you recommend this article? Hand in two copies of this assignment.

Assignment #2 Due March 10th, 2011.

Choose an article from *Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives* that is not on the assigned reading list and is different from the article you used in the first assignment. You will critically analyze the article in 3 to 4 typed pages, using ASA (American Sociological Association) style. The paper is to be double-spaced, using 12 font. Include in your review a concise summary of the articles content and a discussion on the article's merits and deficiencies.

Some of the following are things you may consider including in your review:

What are the main arguments the author makes in the article?

Does the author make assumptions in presenting the material? If so, what kind of assumptions does he/she make?

What kind of evidence does the author use?

What is the source of this evidence (e.g. the works of others, own research)?

Does the evidence support the arguments the author is making?

Is the author presenting his/her own opinion or is there a balanced argument presented?

Is the article written clearly?

Is the article written at an appropriate level for first year university students?

Has the author fully explained all issues or are there issues raised in the article that require further explanation?

What is the sociological relevance of the article?

Participation

Your participation mark is based on your contribution to class discussions.

Office Hours

There are two regularly scheduled office hours each week. Office hours are set to provide students the opportunity to stop by if they have questions, concerns, or would just like to say hello.

Please Note: I do try to answer e-mail in a timely fashion. I do guarantee a response during my regularly scheduled office hours. I do not discuss marks through e-mail.

American Sociological Association (ASA)

All assignments in the Department of Sociology are to follow the ASA (American Sociological Association) style guide. The guide can be accessed on the web. Type in ASA Style Guide and a number of examples will be available for you to choose from.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is unacceptable and subject to various sanctions. Please see the university regulations section on academic dishonesty in the [Lakehead University Calendar](#).

Medical or Compassionate Consideration

Should you require academic consideration for medical or compassionate reasons, you will need a note from a physician or counsellor. Please refer to the current [Lakehead University Calendar](#) for detailed information.

Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule Fall Semester 2010

Tuesday, September 14

Welcome to Introduction to Sociology 1100YA

Introductions

Course Outline

Thursday, September 16

Lecture: The Sociological Perspective

Reading: Sociology in Our Times Chapter 1

Tuesday, September 21**Lecture:** The Sociological Perspective**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 3-7)**Thursday, September 23****Lecture:** The Sociological Perspective**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 11-13)**Tuesday, September 28****Lecture:** Sociological Research Methods**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 2**Thursday, September 30****Lecture:** Sociological Research Methods**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 7-10)**Tuesday, October 5****Lecture:** Sociological Research Methods**Lecture:** Discuss Assignments**Reading:** No Reading Assigned**Thursday, October 7****Lecture:** Culture**Reading:** Reading: Miner, Horace. 2007. "Body Ritual Among the Nacirema." Pp. 18-21 in *Classic Readings in Sociology*, edited by E. L. Howard. Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth. On Reserve in the Library.**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 31-33)**Tuesday, October 12****Lecture:** Culture**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 3**Thursday, October 14****Lecture:** Socialization**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 4**Tuesday, October 19****Midterm Examination****Thursday, October 21****Lecture:** Socialization

Reading: Pines, Maya. 2005. "The Civilizing of Genie." Pp. 61-67. in *Images of Society: Readings That Inspire and Inform Sociology*, edited by M. Carroll & J. P. White. United States: Thomson Nelson. On Reserve in the Library.

Tuesday, October 26

Lecture: Socialization

Reading: No Reading Assigned

Thursday, October 28

Lecture: Society, Social Structure, and Interaction

Lecture: A Sociological Examination of Halloween

Reading: Sociology in Our Times Chapter 5

Tuesday, November 2

Lecture: Society, Social Structure, and Interaction

Reading: Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 47-51)

Thursday, November 4

Lecture: Network, Groups, and Organizations

Reading: Sociology in Our Times Chapter 6

Tuesday, November 9

Lecture: Crime and Deviance

Reading: Sociology in Our Times Chapter 7

Thursday, November 11

Lecture: Crime and Deviance

Reading: Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 14-16)

Reading: Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 71-74)

Reading: Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 75-77)

Tuesday, November 16

Lecture: Social Class and Stratification in Canada

Reading: Sociology in Our Times Chapter 8

Assignment 1 is due.

Thursday, November 18

Lecture: Social Class and Stratification in Canada

Reading: Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 24-26)

Reading: Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 187-190)

Tuesday, November 23**Lecture:** Global Stratification**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 9**Thursday, November 25****Lecture:** Ethnic Relations and Race**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 10**Tuesday, November 30****Lecture:** Ethnic Relations and Race**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 58-61)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 238-240)**Thursday, December 2****Lecture:** Ethnic Relations and Race**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 194-196)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 241-243)**Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule Winter Semester 2011****Tuesday, January 4****Lecture:** Sex and Gender**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 11**Thursday, January 6****Lecture:** Sex and Gender**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 212-214)**Tuesday, January 11****Lecture:** Sex and Gender**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 215-217)**Thursday, January 13****Lecture:** Aging**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 12**Tuesday, January 18****Lecture:** The Economy and Work**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 13

Thursday, January 20**Lecture:** The Economy and Work**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 136-138)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 200-203)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 98-101)**Tuesday, January 25****Lecture:** Power, Politics, and Government**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 14**Thursday, January 27****Lecture:** Power, Politics, and Government**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 273-276)**Tuesday, February 1****Lecture:** Power, Politics, and Government**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 280-282)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 283-286)**Thursday, February 3****Lecture:** Families and Intimate Relationships**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 15**Tuesday, February 8****Midterm Examination****Thursday, February 10****Lecture:** Families and Intimate Relationships**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 89-91)**Tuesday, February 15****Lecture:** Families and Intimate Relationships**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 95-98)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 105-107)**Thursday, February 17****Lecture:** Education**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 16**Tuesday, February 22 Study Week****Thursday, February 24 Study Week**

Tuesday, March 1**Lecture:** Education**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 116-119)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 123-125)**Thursday, March 3****Lecture:** Religion**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 17**Tuesday, March 8****Lecture:** Religion**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 35-38)**Thursday, March 10****Lecture:** Health, Health Care, and Disability**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 18**Assignment 2 is due.****Tuesday, March 15****Lecture:** Health, Health Care, and Disability**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 43-46)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 175-177)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 178-181)**Thursday, March 17****Lecture:** Population and Urbanization**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 19**Tuesday, March 22****Lecture:** Collective Behaviour, Social Movements, and Social Change**Reading:** Sociology in Our Times Chapter 20**Thursday, March 24****Lecture:** Collective Behaviour, Social Movements, and Social Change**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 270-272)**Reading:** Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 296-299)**Reading:** Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 78-84)**Tuesday, March 29****Lecture:** Collective Behaviour, Social Movements, and Social Change**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 260-263)**Reading:** Reading Sociology Canadian Perspectives (Pages 264-266)

Thursday, March 30

Lecture: Catch-up Class

Reading: No Reading Assigned