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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**


**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.
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**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 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

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