

L A K E H E A D U N I V E R S I T Y
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
Introduction to Sociology
Sociology 1100YA

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Course Description

This course of study addresses 3 basic questions: What is sociology? How do societies work? How is sociology personally relevant? Through readings, lectures, classroom discussions, and audio-visual materials, students will learn how to apply sociology's unique perspective on human behaviour, its major theoretical paradigms, and its basic research methodologies. Furthermore, students will examine in detail numerous core sociological concepts such as culture, socialization, social interaction, formal organizations, social stratification, crime and deviance, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, aging, social institutions (economy, family, education, medicine), demography, collective behaviour, social movements, and globalization.

Textbook and Course Material

Required Textbook: Macionis, John J., and Linda M. Gerber. 2011. *Sociology: Seventh Canadian Edition*. Toronto: Pearson Canada Inc. ISBN 978-0-13-700161-3

It is imperative that you study carefully the required chapters in our course textbook according to the Course Schedule (see below). Because classroom lectures are not intended to merely repeat the content found in the textbook, attending lectures should not be viewed as a substitute for reading the text. Examinations will include a certain amount of text content which is not covered in class. You may make comments and ask questions about text content in class.

MySocLab: The purchase of the Macionis/Gerber text entitles you to access MySocLab, an interactive website configured specifically for the Macionis/Gerber text. MySocLab features numerous student resources such as an e-version of our text, self-assessment tools, audiovisual material, research databases tailor-fit to the needs of introductory sociology students, guidance in preparing sociology papers, easy-to-use links to fellow students, teaching assistants and instructors, Google Earth, etc.

Classroom PowerPoint Slides: A WebCT site has been created for this course. You may access the site using myCourseLink on the LU Homepage. Classroom PowerPoint slides will be uploaded to the site (PDF format) approximately 24 hours before the class in which they will be utilized. If you wish, you may print the slides and bring them to class and add notes in the white space.

Videos: We will view several videos throughout the course of study. Video content will be discussed in class and used in the setting of examinations. Because these videos may not be available outside of our classes, it is imperative that you attend their classroom showings.

Grading Scheme

Fall Term Class Participation.....	8%
Fall Midterm Exam.....	12%
Mid-year Exam.....	20%
Winter Term Class Participation.....	8%
Winter Midterm Exam.....	12%
Research Paper.....	15%
Final Exam.....	25%

Class Participation

You should make every effort to attend all classes. Course examinations will, in part, cover material which will only be made available during classes (lectures, videos, activities). You should ensure that you are prepared for classes by reading your assigned chapters *before* the classes in which the chapters are addressed (see the Course Schedule below). Class participation will take the form of attendance, group discussions, Q&A sessions, and mini-assignments. Class participation is worth a maximum of 16% of your final course grade. Class attendance is essential for participation credit.

Examinations

There are 4 examinations scheduled throughout the course of study. The Fall and Winter mid-term examinations will be held in our classroom during regular class times, and will be composed of approximately 75 multiple-choice questions. The Mid-year and Final examinations will be held in the Saunders Fieldhouse (the Gym), dates and times T.B.A. These 2 exams will be 3 hours in duration and will be composed of multiple-choice and short-answer questions, and may also include essay questions. All exams will be based on all class material (lectures, videos, class activities) and required readings. See the Course Schedule for Fall and Winter midterm examination dates. See the Grading Scheme for examination weights.

**Lakehead University has a very strict policy regarding the failure to write formal examinations at the prescribed time. Please note that make-up examinations will only be offered when missed exams are due to medical and/or compassionate reasons, for which detailed supporting documentation must be submitted. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the University's policy regarding missed examinations. Knowing your obligations in this area may help you avoid serious academic penalty.*

Research Paper

You are required to prepare and submit one research paper worth 15% of your final course grade. Your paper **MUST** be prepared according to the requirements below:

- the topic of your paper must be selected from an established list (topic list TBA)
- you must incorporate into your paper, *in an explicit manner*, one of the main theoretical perspectives covered in our course of study

Research Paper (cont'd)

- your paper must include 6-7 full pages of discussion (NOT including title page, abstract, References page, tables, graphics, figures, appendices, etc.)
- you must use ASA (American Sociological Association) formatting style for your title page, References page, pagination, margins, in-text citations, etc. Google ASA for abbreviated ASA formatting guides or try <http://www.calstatela.edu/library/bi/rsalina/asa.styleguide.html>
- your paper must be typed, double-spaced, with a 12 point Times New Roman font
- you must base your paper on at least 4 scholarly, peer-reviewed books or articles from academic journals (you may not include our course textbook as one of your 4 sources)
- you must NOT use newspapers, magazines, videos, Wikipedia, encyclopedia, dictionaries or other non-academic sources or non-academic websites
- avoid value judgement (don't use words like 'should' or 'ought', and avoid using personal anecdotes or first person references such as 'I', 'me', 'my', etc.)
- avoid plagiarism! Plagiarism is a serious offense! It is your responsibility to know what constitutes plagiarism, and to familiarize yourself thoroughly with Lakehead University's official policy on academic dishonesty. See the L.U. calendar at "IX Academic Dishonesty". Also, see the following site for helpful info on plagiarism: <http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/plagiar.html>
- you must submit a hard copy of your paper... no electronic copies will be accepted. Be sure to save a copy of your paper to your hard drive. See the Course Schedule for the research paper deadline. ***A late penalty of 5% per day applies to all late submissions.*

COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to minor changes)

Sept. 12 - 27	The Sociological Perspective - Macionis ch. 1
Sept. 28 - Oct. 4	Society - Macionis ch. 4
Oct. 5 - 11	Culture - Macionis ch. 3
Oct. 12 - 18	Socialization - Macionis ch. 5
Oct. 19	<u>Fall Midterm Examination</u>
Oct. 20 - Nov. 1	Social Interaction in Everyday Life - Macionis ch. 6
Nov. 2 - 8	Groups & Organizations - Macionis ch. 7
Nov. 9 - 15	Sexuality & Society - Macionis ch. 8
Nov. 16 - 22	Deviance - Macionis ch. 9
Nov. 23 - Dec. 5	Social Stratification - Macionis ch. 10
T.B.A	<u>Mid-year Examination</u> - Saunders Fieldhouse (the Gym)
Jan. 6 - 17	Global Stratification - Macionis ch. 12
Jan. 18 - 24	Gender Stratification - Macionis ch. 13

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COURSE SCHEDULE (cont'd)

- Jan. 25 - 31 Race & Ethnicity - Macionis ch. 14
- Feb. 1 - 7 Aging & The Elderly - Macionis ch. 15
- Feb. 8 Winter Midterm Examination
- Feb. 9 - 19 The Economy & Work - Macionis ch. 16
- Feb. 20 - 24 Reading Week
- Feb. 25 - Mar. 6 Family - Macionis ch. 18
- Mar. 7 - 13 Education - Macionis ch. 20
- Mar. 14 - 20 Health & Medicine - Macionis ch. 21
- Mar. 14 Deadline for Research Paper - class-time and location - late penalties apply
- Mar. 21 - 27 Population, Urbanization & the Environment - Macionis ch. 22
- Mar. 28 - Apr. 5 Collective Behaviour & Social Movements - Macionis ch. 23
- T.B.A Final Examination - Saunders Fieldhouse (the Gym)