

**Lakehead University
Department of Sociology
Sociology 1100 YA
Introduction to Sociology**

Note: *This course is team-taught by Dr. Forbes and Professor McMillan. Dr. Forbes will teach the fall semester and Professor McMillan will teach the winter semester. Fifty percent of your overall mark will be evaluated during the fall semester and fifty percent of your overall mark will be evaluated during the winter semester.*

Fall and Winter Semesters 2013-2014
Class Times: Monday and Wednesday 4.00-5.30
Classes are held in: AT 1001

Fall Semester

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Please Note: *Professor McMillan will distribute the reading schedule and evaluation for the winter semester.*

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 the 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.

Required Text

Henslin, James, M., Dan Glenday, Norene Pupo and Ann Duffy. 2014. *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach*. 6th Canadian Edition. Toronto: Pearson Canada

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.

The due date for your fall assignment is listed below. Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late assignments are docked at the rate of 5 marks a day.

<u>Evaluation Fall Semester</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
Mid-Term Examination	15%	October 9, 2013
December Examination	20%	Set by the Registrar
Assignment	10%	November 18, 2013
Participation	<u>5%</u>	Throughout the course
	50%	

Examinations

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

Participation

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

Assignment

You will critically analyze an academic article. You will choose your academic article from a refereed Sociological Journal (for example, Canadian Journal of Sociology). You will include a copy of the article you use, attach it to the assignment you hand in.

You are to briefly summarize your article. Next, you are to analyze the article you are examining.

Some things you might consider in your analysis:

- what are the main arguments presented?
- 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? (I.e. does the author rely heavily on the work of others?)
- how well does the evidence support the arguments? (I.e. is the author presenting his/her own opinion?)
- does the author leave out alternative sources of evidence?
- does the author leave out alternative arguments?
- is the article written clearly?
- is the article interesting to read?
- are there issues raised in the article that require further explanation?
- what is the sociological relevance of the article?

By critical, I do 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.

You must include a bibliography. The assignment is to be 4 to 5 pages, Times Numeral, 12 font, and double-spaced.

Late assignments will be penalized at a loss of 5 marks per day.

NO ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE HANDED IN ELECTRONICALLY.

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.

Grades

Midterms and your assignment will be returned in class. You have two weeks, after the day midterms and the assignments are handed back in class, to come and discuss your grade.

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.

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: We try to answer email in a timely fashion. We guarantee a response during regularly-scheduled office hours. We do NOT discuss marks through email.

Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule Fall Semester 2013

1. Mon. Sept. 09: Welcome to Introduction to Sociology
 Introductions
 Course Outline
2. Wed. Sept. 11: **Lecture:** The Sociological Perspective
 Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 1
3. Mon. Sept. 16: **Lecture:** The Sociological Perspective
4. Wed. Sept. 18: **Lecture:** The Sociological Perspective
5. Mon. Sept. 23: **Lecture:** What Do Sociologists Do?
 Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 2
6. Wed. Sept. 25: **Lecture:** What Do Sociologists Do?
7. Mon. Sept. 30: **Lecture:** What Do Sociologists Do?
8. Wed. Oct. 02: **Lecture: Culture**
 Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 3
 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 (Library Reserve)
9. Mon. Oct.07: **Lecture: Culture**
10. Wed. Oct. 09: **Midterm Examination**

11. Mon. Oct. 14: **Thanksgiving No Class**
12. Wed. Oct. 16: **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 (Library Reserve)
13. Mon. Oct. 21: **Lecture:** Socialization
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 4
14. Wed. Oct. 23: **Lecture:** Inequalities of Age
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 9
15. Mon. Oct. 28: **Lecture:** Politics: Power and Authority
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 12
16. Wed. Oct. 30: **Lecture:** Politics: Power and Authority
17. Mon. Nov.04: **Lecture:** The Family: Doorway to Society
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 13
18. Wed. Nov. 06: **Lecture:** The Family: Doorway to Society
19. Mon. Nov. 11: **Lecture:** Crime and Social Deviance
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 16
20. Wed. Nov. 13: **Lecture:** Crime and Social Deviance
21. Mon. Nov. 18: **Lecture:** Social Movements and Social Change
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 18
Assignment is due
22. Wed. Nov. 20: **Lecture:** Social Movements and Social Change
23. Mon. Nov. 25: **Lecture: Education and Religion**
Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 14
24. Wed. Nov.27: **Lecture: Education and Religion**
25. Mon. Dec.02: This is a regularly scheduled class and will be used as a catch-up class.

Winter Semester
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Evaluation Fall Semester

Marks

Due Dates

Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule Winter Semester 2014

1. Mon. Jan. 06:
2. Wed. Jan. 08:
3. Mon. Jan 13:
4. Wed. Jan. 15:
5. Mon. Jan. 20 :
6. Wed. Jan. 22:
7. Mon. Jan. 27 :
8. Wed. Jan. 29:
9. Mon. Feb. 03:
10. Wed. Feb. 05:
11. Mon. Feb. 10:
12. Wed. Feb. 12:
13. Mon. Feb. 17:
14. Wed. Feb. 19:
15. Mon. Feb. 24:
16. Wed. Feb. 26:
17. Mon. Mar. 03:
18. Wed. Mar. 05:
19. Mon. Mar. 10:
20. Wed. Mar. 12:

21. Mon. Mar. 17:

22. Wed. Mar. 19:

23. Mon. Mar. 24:

24. Wed. Mar. 26:

25. Mon. Mar. 31:

26. Wed. Apr. 02: