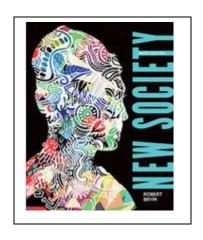


Introduction to Sociology



Course Credit Weight = 1.0



Welcome to Introduction to Sociology. Thank you for joining. This is a synchronous course meaning the teacher is present at the same time as the learner(s). It will take place using online learning through video conferencing, via Zoom. That said, there is reading material posted in D2L that requires review each week, outside of the Zoom session(s), so as to discuss "in-class" (online), and help prepare for each test and exam. I hope we will all learn something new from each other (as we all come from different backgrounds and experiences).

** Please note - it is the student's responsibility (it is best) to review the course outline. Review thoroughly more than once. Have questions or concerns? – please contact the Instructor.

** Further, the course Instructor has a right to make course content changes as seems fit. Students will be given advanced notice if major changes are made.

<u>Instructor's email address and virtual/ online office hours</u>: I may best be reached by email at: <u>kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca</u> Monday to Friday <u>from 8:30 am to 5 PM (eastern standard time – EST)</u>.

- Please do not expect email correspondence after 6 PM (EST). Thank you.
- When emailing Instructor use only your LU e-mail account & do not use the D2L e-mail system.

<u>Use of Zoom</u>: All registered Lakehead University students have free access to Zoom, but you must download onto your computer (version 5.0). Go to: https://zoom.us/download

- Twice each week for the Fall and Winter terms (2:30 to 4 PM) there will be a Zoom session. These will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays. Material as posted or noted in D2L will be presented. Meeting on Zoom enables students to address any questions or thoughts you may have during the session(s). Regular attendance is strongly urged as all material presented in these sessions are testable material. Those who attend typically (most often) do better in tests and exams.
- The Zoom link <u>will be posted once</u> in the Announcement section of the D2L course site. This link will remain the same for the entire course. Simply click on the Zoom link provided at the day and time of the course, both Tuesdays and Thursdays (2:30 4:00 PM). It is best to log in 5 minutes before the start time (please wait for the Instructor).

Event (for all of Lakehead University)	Day	
First Day of Fall Classes (2020)	Tuesday, Sept. o8	
Fall Break + Family Day (Reading Week – 1)	October 12 to 16	
Last Day of Fall Classes	Monday December 07	
Fall Term – Partial Review for this course	Tues. December 1 and Thurs. Dec. 03	
December Exam Period	Thurs. December 10 to Sunday December 20	
First Day of Winter Classes (2021)	Monday January 11	
Winter Break (Reading Week – 2)	February 15 to 19	
Last Day of Second Term (Winter) Classes	To be announced	
Winter Term – Partial Review for this course	To be announced	
Final Exam Period (2021)	To be announced	

As an online student, you should:

- Be actively involved in your own learning. We often get more out of something when we actively participate. For example, you are encouraged to ask questions, share in the Zoom sessions, complete assigned readings and complete provided tests and exams.
- You are encouraged to spend at least 6 hours per week on this course (3 hours lecture / 3 hours own study time). Online courses are comparable with face-to-face courses in terms of time commitment. So for each one hour of Zoom class time you are urged / encouraged to study for one hour on your own (1:1). These aides learning and memory.
- Check your LU email and the D2L course site announcements section regularly for any
 course updates and/or information. Sign into your course a few times a week so you do
 not miss anything.
- Please do not use the D2L email system. Send all emails to: kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca
- Read this course outline carefully. Note test dates. You are responsible for knowing when such take place.
- Notify your instructor immediately should you have any concerns or issues you wish to address. Do so early as the course does go by quickly. Thank you.

Reminder – synchronous course students are urged to set aside at	
<u>least 3 hours per week</u> beyond the Zoom sessions, to review	IMPORTANT
required readings for such purposes as class discussions and	REMINDER
test/exam preparation. In total, it is best to set aside at least six	
hours per week for this course.	

Course Learning Objectives:

By the end of the course, the target goal is for you to know better how to:

- (i) <u>Articulate</u> social factors / determinants that often impact individual action at the (micro) / individual level; community (meso) level; and societal (macro) level.
- (ii) <u>Identify</u> timely trends and issues of interest to those in such fields as sociology, be it within or outside of Canada.
- (iii) **Develop and/or enhance** a "sociological imagination" and,
- (iv) <u>Explain</u> timely societal trends and issues in relation to relevant sociological terms/concepts, perspectives, and theories.

Required E-Textbook:

Robert Brym's - New Society [9th Edition]

(picture of required text found on page one of this outline)

e-book: 201-9019-7471 ISBN: 978-017-6889-098 Publisher: NELSON

For term one: focus/review required text chapters: 1 / 2 / 4 / 8/9
For term two: focus / review required text chapters: 10 / 11 / 12 / 13 / 14

To order and access the required text, go to the LU Bookstore Page: https://bookstore.lakeheadu.ca/Course/campus

Direct Text Link:

https://bookstore.lakeheadu.ca/CourseSearch/?course[]=DL,FULL20,SOCI,SOCI1100DG,&

Evaluation Strategy: (Course via Zoom → Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2:30 - 4:00 PM).

Item:	Value:	D2L (Online)
		Test / Exam Date:
Term One: (2020)	15 %	Thurs. Oct. 01
Online Test One		(on chapters 1 & 2)
Online Test Two	15 %	Thurs. Nov. 26
		(on chapters 4, 7 & 8)
December 2020 Exam	20 %	Scheduled by
		Registrar
Term Two: (2021)	15 %	Thursday February 4
Online Test Three		(on chapters 10 and 11)
Online Test Four	15 %	Tuesday March 30
		(on chapters 12, 13 & 14)
April 2021 Exam*	20 %	Scheduled by
_		Registrar

*The final exam in April 2021 covers material from term two only (not term one).

D2L TEST Instructions:

- Access all tests (on the day of your test) from your D2L course site. Look under "Ouizzes."
- Tests and exams are based on: (a) all data posted in D2L; (b) Zoom lecture material: and (c) required textbook readings.
- You have 1.5 hours (90 minutes) per test to complete. Format: multiple choice.
- You may access (start) each test between 7 AM and 9 PM. This added flexibility may be of particular benefit for those who have varied work and/or family responsibilities.
- Once you access / start each test in D2L you are given only one attempt.
- You must finish each test within 90 minutes. D2L will time you. Once you start you must finish.

- You can start at the latest by 7:30 PM to finish by 9 PM. Caution: if you start at 8:30 PM the test session in D2L will still end at 9 PM.
- Tests are not open book. As an online course you are trusted to complete each test on your own without any assistance / aides. Please review the introduction comments as found on each test pertaining to the above.
- Students registered with the LU Office of Accessibility (Student Accessibility Services - SAS), who are given extra time to do tests and exams will be accommodated. That said, all SAS students have obligations as well in following LU policies and procedures.

<u>Added Course Materials</u>: such as PDFS, Readings and PowerPoints, may be posted in your course D2L site. Note: what is provided needs to be individually reviewed as such is testable material.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES:

It is estimated that 26 percent of the Canadian population have a disability. Lakehead University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all their academic activities. If you are a student with a disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and register as early as possible.

For more information, please visit https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/sas

Your instructor - Dr. Kevin Willison - has received specialized training in AODA (the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Training Act).

IT Issues - LU E-mail Accounts and Accessing "Desire2Learn" - D2L

Information Technology (IT) (at Lakehead is referred to as TSC) can be reached through https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/helpdesk/tb or by any campus phone by pushing the Helpdesk button. Should TSC related problems arise you may also contact "Help Desk" at ext. 7777 (on campus) – or tel. 705-330-4008 (then the extension). Only Help Desk can assist you with your specific TSC issues and concerns. Note: your course instructor has no control over encountered IT/TSC problems.

General E-mail and Classroom Conduct Guidelines:

Reminder: during the course, I may be reached by email (<u>kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca</u>) **Monday to Friday ONLY from 8:30 am to 5 PM.** Due to family and other obligations please do not expect correspondence from your course Instructor after 6 PM. *Thank you* in advance.

- [1] For all e-mail correspondence it is best to follow "the ten commandments of *e-mail netiquette*." Please review: http://www.studygs.net/netiquette.htm
- [2] All e-mail communication sent from students to the instructor for this class <u>must</u> originate from the student's own Lakehead University e-mail account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that communications are sent to the course instructor from her/his Lakehead University account. If an instructor becomes aware that a communication has come from an alternate address, the instructor may not reply, at his or her discretion.
- [3] Please be sure to identify yourself in each e-mail (not only your name but also what course you are in, as your Instructor teaches more than one course). This may help speed up a response. Thank you in advance.
- [4] The course instructor may best be reached at: kdwillis@lakeheadu.ca. I will do my best to respond to your e-mail within six hours of receipt based on e-mailto:based on e-mail
- [5] Expect a delayed email response time if sending an e-mail to an Instructor on a Saturday or Sunday (or on Canadian national holidays). On weekends your Instructor may have other obligations. Also, as an online course please also <u>bear in mind geographic time zone differences</u>. Test and exam times are all in eastern standard time (EST).

TEXT MATERIAL REVIEW SCHEDULE & TEST SCHEDULE:

Note: Use a different browser if unable to download a document from D2L.

Term ONE: (2020)

- Introducing Sociology (Chapter 1) [Sept. 8/10/15]
- Research Methods (Chapter 2) [Sept 17/22/24] + Partial Review Sept 29
- Test ONE (value = 15 %)

 → D2L Test Date: Thurs. Oct. 01, 2020
- Socialization (Chapter 4) [Oct. 6/8/20]
- Race and Ethnic Relations (Chapter 8) [Oct. 22/27/29/Nov. 3/5]
- (Chapter 9) [Nov. 10/12/17/19] + Partial Review Nov. 24
- Test TWO (value = 15 %)

 → D2L Test Date: Thurs. Nov. 26, 2020
- **Dec. EXAM** (value = 20 %)
- Term 1 Review (5 chapters plus] Dec. 01/03
- → D2L Dec. Exam Date: to be determined.

TERM TWO: (2021)

- Families (Chapter 10) [Jan 12/14/19]
- Education (Chapter 11) [21/26/28] + Partial Review Tues. Feb 2
- Test THREE (value = 15 %)
 → D2L Test Date: Thursday Feb 4 (2021)
- Religion (Chapter 12) [Feb. 09/11] → Break Feb 15 to 19 ←
- Deviance and Crime (Chapter 13) [Feb. 23/25/March 02/04]
- Health and Aging (Chapter 14)
 [March 09/11/16/18/23] + Partial Review
 Thursday March 25
- Test FOUR (value = 15 %)

 → D2L Test Date: Tuesday March 30
- Possible added material related to one or more of the 5 chapters (to be determined).
- D2L Online Final Exam (value = 20 %)
 (covers only the second term)
 (→ day and time scheduled by Registrar)
- Term 2 Review (5 chapters plus] To be announced.

Please refer to required e-text for sample specific contents that we will review. Reminder: tests and exams are based on: (a) all data posted in D2L; (b) Zoom lecture material: and (c) required textbook readings.

Intellectual Property:

The educational materials developed for this course, including, but not limited to, lecture notes and slides, handout materials, examinations and assignments, and any materials posted to D2L, are the intellectual property of the course instructor. These materials have been developed for student use only and they are not intended for wider dissemination and/or communication outside of a given course. Posting or providing unauthorized audio, video, or textual material of lecture content to third-party websites violates an instructor's intellectual property rights and the Canadian Copyright Act. Recording lectures / online sessions in any way is prohibited in this course unless specific permission has been granted by the instructor. Participation in this course constitutes an agreement by all parties to abide by the relevant University Policies, and to respect the intellectual property of others during and after their association with Lakehead University.

Notice for Recording Lectures and Class Activities:

In Introduction to Sociology – SOCI 1100 YDG, 2020-2021, instruction via Zoom will be recorded for <u>confidential</u> access by students registered in the course but who are unable to attend class due to the pandemic or other necessity. To the greatest extent possible only the image and voice of the instructor will be recorded for this purpose but, due to class interaction, the images and voices of students present in the classroom may be incidentally recorded and, thus, be

available for access by course students in remote locations. These recordings, however, are strictly confidential and may be used only by the instructor and students registered in the course and only for purposes related to the course. They may otherwise not be used or disclosed. Students in the class who are concerned about being recorded have the option of course to turn off your camera altogether. If your camera is on please understand that total exclusion cannot be guaranteed. The recordings are made under the authority of sections 3 and 14 of The Lakehead University Act, 1965. Questions about the collection of the images and sounds in the recordings may be directed to the current Chair of Sociology, Dr. Antony Puddephatt of the Department of Sociology, Thunder Bay campus. If needed, please contact by email via <a href="majority.com/approximate/approximate-recording-recorded-needed-n

<u>Lakehead University – Further Sample REGULATIONS</u>:

<u>TIMELY FEEDBACK</u>: (Lakehead University Regulation XII) http://csdc.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=23 &chapterid=5698&loaduseredits=False

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN YOUR COURSE(S):

https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/academic/idc