

Lakehead University-Orillia Campus-Fall/Winter 2019/2020

Title:	Introduction to Sociology—SOC1—1100—YBO-- Fall and Winter Semesters: 2019/2020
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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 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 Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Gain familiarity with key sociological concepts.
- Understand the applicability of sociological concepts to explain everyday social life.
- Examine sociological perspectives. Learn to examine the social world through sociological eyes.
- Comprehend the importance of sociological research and the tools used to do sociology.
- Investigate substantive areas of study in sociology.
- Develop critical skills.
- Develop written skills
- Enjoy the material!

Required textbook(s)

Required Texts Henslin, James, M., Glenday, Dan, Pupo, Norene, and Ann Duffy. *Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach*. 14th Canadian Edition.

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 final examination is posted by the registrar and the schedule for this can be found online.

Assignments and Evaluation—Fall 2018

- Test # 1=20%--September 30, 2019
- Test # 2=20%--October 30, 2019
- Test # 3=20%--November 18 2019

Tests/Evaluation: Winter 2020

- Test # 4=20%--February 10, 2020
- Final Examination=20%. Date to be set by the Registrar

Tests/Examinations

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

***Please note: I do not post my notes online; I do not email my notes to students; you are responsible for the assigned readings

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. If these times conflict with your schedule we can find an alternative time to meet.

Discussion

Discussion is an important part of academia. Discussions in this class will be based on principles of respectfulness for diversity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, family status, and socio-economic status. Please refer to the Lakehead University Code of Student Behaviour.

Technology

The use of phones during class is prohibited. Please turn your phone off and put it away during class. Use of computers is fine, as long as they are used for class work and not to play games, check emails, look at photographs, etc. Should you choose to use computers or other electronic devices for purposes other than taking lecture notes your use of such devices will be curtailed and paper and pen/pencil will be the means to take lecture notes. ***Please Note: I do try to answer email in a timely fashion. I do guarantee a response during my regularly scheduled office hours. I do not discuss marks through email and am happy to meet to discuss grades.

Tentative Reading Schedule Fall Semester 2018

September 4

- Welcome to Introduction to Sociology 1100 Y80; Introductions; Course Outline

September 9

- Lecture: The Sociological Perspective
- Lecture: The Sociological Perspective (cont'd)
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 1

September 11 & September 16

- Lecture: What Do Sociologists Do?
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 5

September 18 & September 23

- Lecture: Finish What Do Sociologists Do? (cont'd)
- Lecture: Culture
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 2

September 25

- Lecture: Socialization
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 3

September 30: Test # 1

October 2

- Lecture: Globalization
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 9

October 7

- Lecture: Globalization (cont'd)

October 14-2019–October 18, 2019***Fall study break—No classes

October 21

- Video: Hidden Face of Globalization - Bangladesh Garments
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0FYE4tbU40>
- Lecture: Social Inequality: The Canadian Experience in a Global Context
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 10

October 23 & October 28

- Lecture: Social Inequality: The Canadian Experience in a Global Context
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 10
- Social Inequality: The Canadian Experience in a Global Context (cont'd)
 - Video: ToxiCity: Life at Agbobloshie, the world's largest e-waste dump in Ghana
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mleQVQIVdII>
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October 30: Test # 2

October 31

- Lecture: Inequalities of Gender

- Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 11

November 4 & November 6

- Lecture: Bureaucracy and Corporation
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 7

November 11 & November 13

- Lecture: Inequalities of Age
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 13

November 18 Test # 3

November 20 & 25

- Lecture: Finish Inequalities of Age (cont'd)
- Lecture: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 20

November 27

- ■Lecture: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment (cont'd)

December 2

- Wrapping up the course—Fall term; discussion of course-related matters
- ***This is the last class for the semester. We are halfway through the course!

Tentative Reading Schedule Winter Semester 2020

January 6 & January 8

- Lecture: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment
- Lecture: Inequalities of Race and Ethnicity
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 12

January 13 & January 15

- Lecture: Inequalities of Race and Ethnicity (cont'd)
 - Reading: Life in Society Chapter 12
 - Video: Allegories on race and racism.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNhcY6fTyBM>

January 20 & January 22

- Lecture: The Economy and Work
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 14

January 27 & January 29

- Lecture: Politics: Power and Authority
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 15

February 3 & February 5

- Lecture: The Family: Doorway to Society
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 16

February 10: Test 4

February 12

- Lecture: Education
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 17
 - Video: Default: the Student Loan Documentary
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwQR93CGn2E>
 - Video: Is a University Degree a Waste of Money?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uugCRJXQXWQ>
 - Video: The Right to Learn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqucPZsPnk8>

February 17–February 21

- ***Winter study break—No classes

February 24 & February 26

- Lecture: Religion
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 18

March 2 & March 4

- Lecture: Medicine: Health and Illness in Canada
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 19
 - Video: No Limits: Thalidomide Babies (Phocomelia)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clzcl6pBecY>

March 11 & March 16

- Lecture: Crime and Social Deviance
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 8

March 18 & 23

- Lecture: Crime and Social Deviance (cont'd)
 - Video: Deviance and Social Control
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QfIRr7T7As>

March 25 & March 30

- Lecture: Social Movements and Social Change
 - Reading: Sociology A Down-to-Earth Approach – Chapter 21

April 1

- Lecture: Social Movements and Social Change (cont'd)

April 3

- Wrapping up the course—Winter term; discussion of course-related matters
- ***This is our last class!

**Note: The sequence and content of this syllabus may change without prior notice.

**Final course withdrawal date: Friday, February 7, 2020.

**Final day of classes: Friday, April 3, 2020.

**Exam period: Monday, April 6—Sunday, April 19, 2019—10 days. **No classes will be scheduled during exams period.