

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

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Meeting with students: If you are on-campus or would like to converse by telephone please send me an email and we will find a convenient time to meet.

Required Texts

The textbook for this class is *Principles of Sociology Canadian Perspectives* and is edited by Tepperman, Albanese, and Curtis. The edition we are using is 2014.

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. Sociological theories, 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 read the textbook and online modules (lectures), read the material in the links found in the modules, watch the videos listed in the online modules, and participate actively in their online group.

Evaluation

Midterm Examination
Assignments
Final Examination
Participation

Marks

20%
30%
25%
25%
100%

Due Dates

May 19, 2017
See Below
June 13, 2017
Throughout the course

Examinations

The midterm and final examinations will be held at 6:00 in the evening (Thunder Bay time, Eastern Time). Please note these times on your calendar as they are the only time the examinations are available. The examinations will be online. These are individual examinations; you are to answer the questions without the aid of your course material and you are not to answer examination questions with another person. You can enhance your chances of doing well by

reading the textbook, the articles in the modules, watching the videos, engaging in active online discussion with your group, and understanding the material.

Participation

Your participation mark is based on your contribution to group discussions and your contribution to summaries of your group discussions. This entails fulsome responses to group discussions; stating “I agree” or “I disagree” without adding why you agree or disagree is not considered a fulsome discussion. Learning to summarize is an important skill which will be developed as your group prepares a summary of the discussion questions for the week.

Participation will be graded for each group question in each module and the weekly summaries.

Assignments

The assignments are detailed in the online modules and are worth 5 % each. Your full participation in working through the assignment is required. Your grade for the assignment is based on the work produced and your contribution to the assignment.

Assignment Due Dates

Assignment #1 due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 08, 2017

Assignment #2 due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 15, 2017

Assignment #3 due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 22, 2017

Assignment #4 due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 29, 2017

Assignment #5 due by 9.00 am on Monday, June 05, 2017

Assignment #6 due by 9.00 am on Monday, June 12, 2017

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. Google 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](#).

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Class Schedule

Week One: May 01

Module 1: Theory and Methodology – Group Assignment

Module 2: Culture and Culture Change

Group Discussion for these modules is due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 08, 2017.

Week Two: May 08

Module 3: Being Social – Group Assignment

Module 4: Social Organization

Module 5: Deviance

Group Discussion for these modules is due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 15, 2017

Week Three: May 15

Module 6: Class, Status, and Social Inequality – Group Assignment

Module 7: Gender and Sexuality

Midterm Thursday May, 18, 2017

Group Discussion for these modules is due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 22, 2017.

Week Four: May 22

Module 8: Ethnic and Race Relations

Module 9: Families and Personal Life – Group Assignment

Module 10: Education

Group Discussion for these modules is due by 9.00 am on Monday, May 29, 2017.

Week Five: May 29

Module 11: Work and the Economy

Module 12: Health Issues – Group Assignment

Module 13: Religion in Canada

Group Discussion for these modules is due by 9.00 am on Monday, June 05, 2017.

Week Six: June 05

Module 14: Politics and Social Movements

Module 16: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment – Group Assignment

Assignment #6 due by 9.00 am on Monday, June 12, 2017