



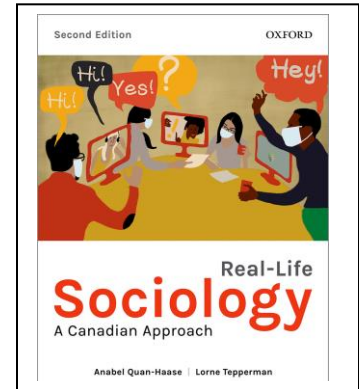
SOCI 1100 YAO: *Introduction to Sociology*
(1.0; IN-CLASS)
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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2023 – 2024: September 6th to April 8th

Required Textbook ↓↓



Second Edition

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ORILLIA CAMPUS (Building: Simcoe Hall) 500 University Avenue

IN-CLASS: Mondays & Wednesdays: 4:00 to 5:20 PM (EST)

[Room: OA 1022 – First Floor].

*** How to contact the course instructor →** I am best accessible during the week 9 am to 4:30 pm (EST), Tuesday to Friday. When sending an email, please indicate the course you are in (as I teach more than one class). Note: please only use your LU e-mail account (to verify registration with Lakehead University).

- Use of D2L. This is an in-class course, which also makes us of D2L.
- New to D2L?- please click on the following: [D2L in a Nutshell - YouTube](#)

D2L Posted TIPS (as found under “Content”). Not testable but best to review:

- [1] Time Management Tips
- [2] Effective Reading Tips
- [3] General Study Tips
- [4] Stress-Taming Tips
- [5] Tips for Online Learning
- [6] Learning and Memory Tips
- [7] How to use Lakehead's D2L system
- [8] Cone of Learning (importance of class participation and engagement)

Course Background

Are you interested in knowing more about the world we live in? How does culture shape our ideas and orientations to *meaning*? What are possible causes and possible solutions to societal problems? How does group membership affect individual behavior? How do microsociology and macrosociology differ as approaches towards

studying the social world? This course will consider such questions. Overall, this course explores social behavior and how such often impacts human societies.

Course Description (from calendar):

A sociological exploration of society, culture, social interaction and power relations. Topics may include (but are not limited to): crime, economy, education, environment, gender, globalization, research methods, health and society, racial plus class inequality, and urbanization.

Course Learning Objectives:

By the end of each term and this course it is hoped students will know how to better:

- (i) **Compare and contrast** the potential impact that macro, meso and micro forces may have on humans and the societies in which we live;
- (ii) **Explain** how a society is socially constructed, by comparing and contrasting ways in which different cultures address varied concerns;
- (iii) **Articulate** what type of occupations exist that an individual with a background in sociology could pursue;
- (iv) **Identify** different sociological related theories and theorists;
- (v) **Discuss** in detail how such topics as: social inequality, social institutions, aging, education, work, ethics, and religion may be viewed/discussed from a sociological lens / sociological perspective.

Note	Date
Start day of LU classes	Tues September 5, 2023
Fall Study Week (no classes)	Mon October 09 – Fri October 13
Final Day of LU Fall classes	Monday December 4, 2023
Winter Holiday / Christmas Break	Dec. 25 to Jan 01, 2024
First Day of LU Winter (2024) classes	Tues January 2, 2024
Winter Study Week (no classes)	Mon Feb 19 – Friday Feb 23, 2024
Final Day of LU classes - WINTER (2024)	Tues April 09, 2024

Required Textbook:

Quan-Haase, A., and Tepperman, L. (Editors). Real-Life Sociology: A Canadian Approach. Oxford University Press, 2021. Second Edition

ISBN: 9780199037308 (EPUB)

ISBN: 9780199037223 (Soft Cover / Print Version)

- The textbook is NOT the course (per se). It is only one (important) resource of varied resources that will be used for this course.
- Please see picture of required text on first page of this outline.
- The second edition is required as it does have updates since the first edition.
- Available via the Lakehead University bookstore (located near cafeteria).
- Additional required readings will be provided throughout the course. Such will be posted on the D2L course site. Please check for updates each week.

Sociology 1100 YAO Course Requirements:

Description:	Scheduled Date / Due Date:	Course % Value
Term One – Quiz 1 (2023)	September 25 (Mon)	10 Percent
Term One – Quiz 2 (2023)	October 30 (Mon)	10 Percent
Term One – Quiz 3 (2023)	November 20 (Mon)	10 Percent
Term One (Dec2023) : Mid-EXAM	Scheduled by Registrar	20 Percent
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Term Two – Quiz 4 (2024)	January 29 (Mon)	10 Percent
Term Two – Quiz 5 (2024)	February 26 (Mon)	10 Percent
Term Two – Quiz 6 (2024)	March 25 (Mon)	10 Percent
Term Two (April 2024) - EXAM	Scheduled by Registrar	20 Percent

- **Please note:** **some** December exam questions will likely be on the final (April) exam.
 - It is the student’s responsibility to have a secure Internet access within the duration of tests and exams. Course Instructors have no control over IT issues.

* **TIPS:** * It is best to attend classes regularly. Also, often check your course D2L site for new announcements and/or new posted material.

As a student, you should:

- Be actively involved in your own learning. Often, the more we put into something the more derived satisfaction. Let us all do the best we can.
- Please read and re-review this course outline carefully.
- Please check your Lakehead institutional email and D2L course site frequently to access material and for any new course notices or announcements.
- Please notify your instructor immediately with any concerns or issues you may have.
- Have suggestions? Your Instructor is very open to your thoughts and ideas (I am a life-long learner as well). Please feel free to email me.

Regarding Mental Health:

As a university student, you may sometimes experience mental health concerns or stressful events that interfere with your academic performance and/or negatively impact your daily activities.

All of us can benefit from support during times of struggle. If you or anyone you know experiences academic stress, difficult life events or feelings of anxiety or depression, Student Health and Wellness is there to help. Their services are free for Lakehead Students

and appointments are available. You can learn more about confidential mental health services available on and off campus at lakeheadu.ca/shw.

Remember that getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do - for yourself, for those you care about, and for those who care about you. Asking for support sooner rather than later is almost always helpful.

Quizzes and Exams:

- All quizzes and exams for this course will take place online, in the D2L course site. Before you begin the quiz or exam, you will see a statement related to Academic integrity - in continuing with the quiz or exam, you are declaring that the submission to the instructor through D2L adheres to University Regulations related to Academic Misconduct and is free of plagiarism (intended or otherwise).
- Students who do not submit their quiz, or exam by the deadline will get a mark of zero. Students may write their quiz or exam at a different time only if there is a valid health or family emergency, and will be required to provide the professor with the appropriate documentation, as is discussed and required in the University regulations (see LU calendar at [Course Calendar Lakehead University](#)). Students who have documented disabilities/medical conditions and who require accommodations to successfully engage in this course should be in touch with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). More information is available at: [Support for Students with Disabilities | Lakehead University](#).

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

It is the responsibility of all students at Lakehead University to be familiar with, and comply with all of the terms, requirements, regulations, policies, and conditions in the Lakehead University Academic Calendar. While all are important, particular attention is brought to the following:

- The University Regulations related to Academic Integrity, including Plagiarism - Students are responsible for understanding the various forms of plagiarism and employ strategies to ensure that all works submitted (e.g., assignments, online discussion posts) are free of plagiarism, as defined in the University Regulations. Penalties for dealing with academic integrity are strictly enforced in this course, and in the Department of Health Sciences.
- The Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity and Non-Academic - Students are bound by this Code when engaging with Lakehead University faculty, staff and students on campus and virtually, in-person and online. As described in this Code, students should not engage in or encourage activity or action contrary to the principles outlined, for example, respect for the rights of others and respect for the law.

Accommodations / Special Needs:

Lakehead University is also 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. Please let the Instructor know within the first week of the course if you are registered with SAS (thank you in advance).

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

Your course instructor - Dr. Kevin Willison - has received specialized and on-going training in AODA (the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Training Act). He has also acquired training in ethics.

IT Issues – LU E-mail Accounts and Accessing “Desire2Learn” – D2L

Information Technology (IT) (at Lakehead is referred to as TSC) can be reached through 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. *Please note 1:* your course instructor(s) have/has no control over encountered IT/computer problems. *Please note 2:* no computer system or software is perfect.

General E-mail and Classroom Conduct Guidelines:

[1] Within all e-mail correspondence (not just for this course) it is advisable 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 **must** 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 communication is sent to the university from a 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 your e-mail (not only your name but also what course you are in, as your Instructor teaches more than one course, and has many students). 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 8 hours** (or less) of receipt (based on e-mails received between 10 am – 5 pm EST, Tuesday to Friday). Due to curriculum development, meetings and other academic / research related activities please do not expect your instructor to provide an instant / immediate response.

[5] Please be advised that you may *not* get a response e-mailing the Instructor the night before a quiz/test or exam. Please plan ahead.

[6] Please do not expect an e-mail response if sending an e-mail to an Instructor on a Saturday or Sunday. On weekends your Instructor does have family obligations.

[7] As per LU policy, your specific grades/marks will not be discussed over the internet / e-mail. Please talk to your instructor directly on such matters. Individual course marks (when ready) can be accessed using your unique course D2L account.

[8] Due in part to the volume of students (more than 70), there are NO make-up tests or exams, nor any added assignments available for purposes of boosting up grades. What is provided to one student must be provided to all (to be fair). There is simply no extra time available to do added assignments.

Missed Quizzes and/or Exams:

Make-up examinations will only be given with written documentation from a healthcare practitioner using the official Student Health Certificate, available at: <http://registrar.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/F.HealthCertificate.pdf>.

Religious Observance Policy: If you require religious accommodation(s), you must make your request to the instructor preferably within the first two weeks of class.

Course Suggestions or Concerns? Students are asked to speak with their Instructor should there be a suggestion, problem or concern regarding the course which you feel may benefit yourself and/or the class. Feel free at any time to speak to your class Instructor (as he or she may simply be unaware). Further, you are encouraged to ask questions and be engaged (as this often helps the learning process).

**** Regular class attendance is strongly urged/ recommended. You paid for it so, why not attend?**

- **Within each section/module as described below, it is best to focus on key terms and theorists plus their interconnections with other terms / concepts.**
- **For improved comprehension and memory, be sure to review your required text and/or assigned reading(s) prior to (and after) attending each class.**
- **Active participation is / will be encouraged, as is critical thinking.**
- **The course Instructor has the right to modify (add/subtract) module content. This may transpire as new content may arise as the course progresses.**
- **Not all modules (as denoted in this course outline) may be covered (due to time constraints).**

Section/ Module	<p><u>Topic(s):</u> this course section overview serves as an overall guide only. Specifics and relevant material to be provided over the course time period (as presented and/or posted within your D2L course site). It is best to attend all classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NOT ALL ORALLY PRESENTED MATERIAL PROVIDED IN CLASS MAY BE POSTED IN D2L. Please TAKE NOTES.</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Course Outline. • D2L essentials.

<p>ONE [Text chapter 1 related]</p>	<p><u>Thinking Like a Sociologist</u> * Ways of Thinking Sociologically / Intro to the “Sociological Imagination” (developed by C.W. Mills) - On-going and evolving careers related to Sociology</p>
<p>TWO [Text chapter 2 related]</p>	<p><u>Research Methods</u> - Defining Research Methods - Research Design - Quantitative Methods - Qualitative Methods - Mixed Methods / Case Mixed Analysis (Triangulation)</p> <p><u>Research Ethics</u> - TCPS-2 and other ethics guidelines used. - Research Ethics Committees / Research Ethics Boards</p> <p><u>Key Theoretical Approaches</u> - Structural Functionalism - Conflict Theory - Symbolic Interactionist/Interpretive Theory - Feminist, Critical Anti-Racist, and Intersectionality Theories - Post-Structuralism</p> <p><u>Future of Sociology / Social Sciences</u> - Big Data - Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) - Fuzzy Logic</p>
<p>THREE [Text chapter 3 related]</p>	<p><u>Culture</u> - The breadth and importance of culture - How do sociology and anthropology differ / similarities - Cultural universals and cultural relativism - Importance of language - High culture / pop culture / subculture / counterculture - Cultural variation - Cultural capital and cultural literacy - Cultural values and economic activity - The culture of science</p>
<p>FOUR [Text chapter 5 related]</p>	<p><u>Deviance and Crime</u> - Relationships between deviance and crime - Intro to the Silk Library (Orillia OPP Headquarters) - Violent and non-violent forms of crime - White collar crime - Varieties of deviance - Human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Canada - The penal system - Theoretical approaches to deviance - Crime and technology</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">↑ Term One: ↑ The DEC 2023 Exam covers Chapters 1 / 2 / 3 / & 5</p>

	↓Term Two – January to April (2024) ↓
FIVE	<p><u>Added Section:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Class request: (example) Sociology of Pandemics</u> • <u>[approx. 4 classes]</u>
SIX [Text chapter 6 related]	<p><u>Class and Inequality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class inequality and Social stratification - Theoretical Approaches to Class and Inequality - Social Mobility - Poverty - Social Determinants of Health
SEVEN [Text chapter 10 related]	<p><u>Families</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing family structure(s) / demographics in Canada - Medicalization of the family / fertility / use of technology - Media portrayal of the family [<i>Modern Family</i> versus <i>the Waltons</i>] - Female caregivers - Families and Work / Genderfication (males entering dominate female jobs / women entering male dominate jobs)
EIGHT [Text chapter 11 related]	<p><u>GOING TO SCHOOL - Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Production of human capital (see figure 12.2 - page 304 of text) - Returning to school (changing demographics of learners) - Streaming as social inequality reproduction (figure 11.5 – page 284) - Segregation in Schools - Degrees by Gender and Indigenous Status (Figure 11.4, page 279) - Abuse and violence in schools - The legacy of residential schools in Canada - The commodification of education - Educational trends and inequalities - The hidden curriculum - The rise and continual rise of credentialism in Canada and around the world
NINE [Text chapter 12 related]	<p><u>Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrialization - The McDonalidization of Work - The Bureaucratization of Work (aka - Taylorization) - Professions and Professionalization

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The “Peter Principal” - The Organization of Work in Canada (ready or not) - Modern Capitalism and Neoliberalism - The rise and continual fall of Unions - Did someone say <i>pension</i> ? - The Future of Work (Technology / Robotics / Home Work)
	<p>↑ Term Two ↑</p> <p>The APRIL 2024 Exam covers Chapters 6 / 10 / 11 / & 12</p>

- Your April (2024) exam will cover all sections/modules reviewed within term 2 only (since the start of January 2024). **NOTE: some questions from your December 2023 exam will / may also be on the April 2024 exam.**

Sample Lakehead University Regulations:

INCOMPLETE STANDING (Lakehead University Regulation, V Standing)

<http://csdc.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=25 &chapterid=7015&loaduserredits=False>

TIMELY FEEDBACK (Lakehead University Regulation XII)

<http://csdc.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=23 &chapterid=5698&loaduserredits=False>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN YOUR COURSE(S)

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

Review the resources/guides to support academic integrity in your courses and excellence in teaching and learning.

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- The materials posted on the course D2L site, including any visual and audio recordings, are copyrighted and owned by Dr. Kevin Willison. It is prohibited to record or copy by any means, in any format, openly or surreptitiously, in whole or in part, in the absence of express written permission from Dr. Kevin Willison any of the lectures or materials provided or published in any form during or from the course.
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