

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

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Fall and Winter Semesters: 2019-2020
Class Times: Tuesday and Thursday 8.30-10.00
Classes are held in: BB 2006
Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 3.00-4.00

Required Texts

Brym, Robert, Roberts, Lance, W, and Lisa Strohschein. 2019. *Sociology Compass For a New World*. 6th ed. Toronto, ON: Nelson.

Henslin, James. 2011. *Life in Society*. 4th ed. Boston, MA: Pearson.

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, within a Canadian context, such substantive areas as: culture, socialization, society, social structure, social interaction, networks, groups, organizations, deviance and crime, social class and stratification, 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.

Learning Objectives

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!

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.

The due dates for midterm examinations and the assignment are listed below. The assignment is due at the beginning of class.

<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
Midterm Examination	15%	October 10, 2019
Midterm Examination	15%	November 21, 2019
Midterm Examination	15%	February 13, 2020
Assignment	20%	March 19, 2020
Final Examination	25%	Set by the Registrar
Participation	<u>10%</u>	Throughout the course
	100%	

Examinations

Examinations will incorporate lectures, class discussions, films and assigned readings. Examinations are not cumulative.

Participation

Your participation mark is based on your contribution to class discussions. This entails engaging in meaningful discussion and handing in signed group reports. Should you choose to chat with your fellow classmates, play games, check your emails, etc. and not to be part of your group discussion you will forfeit your participation marks for the class.

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](#).

Assignment

You will critically analyze an academic article and an article, on the same topic, from the popular media. You will then compare and contrast the two articles. You will choose your academic article from a **Sociological Journal** with refereed articles (for example, Canadian Journal of Sociology). From the popular media you can choose a newspaper or magazine article. Alternatively, you can use a documentary on the topic, instead of an article from the popular media. You will include a copy of the articles you use; attach them to the assignment you hand in. Should you use a documentary, you will need to provide detailed notes on what was covered in the program to be included as an attachment to the paper you hand in; these notes are not part of the 6 to 7 pages required of the assignment.

You are to briefly summarize each article (or article and documentary). Next, you are to analyze each work you are examining.

Some things you might consider in your analysis:

- what is the purpose of the article/magazine article/newspaper article/documentary?

- outline the arguments the author is presenting
- what types of evidence does the author use (eyewitness testimony/the works of others/experts in the field/etc.)
- has the author used original ideas expressing himself/herself?
- does the author's evidence support their argument?
- is the author opinionated or has the author taken a neutral stance? Here you are considering if the author is value-free or are they expressing a biased viewpoint.
- has the author omitted to discuss alternative sources of evidence to support their argument?
- is the article/magazine article/newspaper article/documentary clearly presented?
- is article/magazine article/newspaper article/documentary interesting?
- is there material presented that requires further explanation?
- what is the sociological relevance of the article/documentary?

You are then to compare and contrast the two works you are discussing.

In this assignment you will learn to critically analyze two different types of material, pick out important aspects of the documents, filter out what is unimportant or biased, and write an article review.

Critical does 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.

The assignment is to be 6 to 7 pages in length (not including title page, appendix, and bibliography), written in Times Numeral, 12 font, and double-spaced. Six to seven pages is 6 to 7 pages of text.

NO ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE HANDED IN ELECTRONICALLY. One hardcopy of the assignment will be handed in along with copies of the articles you are discussing. Assignments are due at the beginning of class.

Late assignments will be penalized at a loss of 5 marks per day. This includes weekends and holidays. No Assignments will be accepted 7 days after the due date. Please note: assignments are due at the beginning of the class. Assignments handed in after the start time for the class are deemed late and will be penalized with a loss of 5 marks.

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. Search or 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.

Grades

Midterms and your assignment will be returned in class. You have two weeks, after the day each midterm and the assignment 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.

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 Lecture and Reading Schedule Fall Semester**Tuesday, Sept. 3**

Welcome to Introduction to Sociology 1100YB
Introductions
Course Outline
Class Protocol

Thursday, Sept. 5

Lecture: A Sociological Compass
Reading: No Reading Assigned

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Lecture: A Sociological Compass
Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 1

Thursday, Sept. 12

Lecture: A Sociological Compass
Reading: Henslin Chapter 1

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Lecture: How Sociologists Do Research

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 2

Thursday, Sept. 19

Lecture: How Sociologists Do Research

Reading: No Reading Assigned

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Lecture: How Sociologists Do Research

Reading: Henslin Chapter 5

Thursday, Sept. 26

Lecture: How Sociologists Do Research

Reading: No Reading Assigned

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Lecture: Culture

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 3

Reading: On Reserve in the Library, Miner, Pages 18 to 21

Thursday, Oct. 3

Lecture: Culture

Reading: Henslin Chapter 2

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Lecture: Socialization

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 4

Thursday, Oct. 10

Midterm Examination

Tuesday, Oct. 15 Fall Study Break

Thursday, Oct. 17 Fall Study Break

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Lecture: Socialization

Reading: Henslin Chapter 3

Reading: On Reserve in the Library, Pines, Pages 61-67

Thursday, Oct. 24

Lecture: Social Interaction

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 5

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Lecture: Networks, Groups, Bureaucracies, and Societies

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 6

Thursday, Oct. 31

Lecture: Networks, Groups, Bureaucracies, and Societies

Lecture: A Sociological Look at Halloween

Reading: Henslin Chapter 7

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Lecture: Social Stratification

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 8

Thursday, Nov. 7

Lecture: Social Stratification

Reading: Henslin Chapter 6

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Lecture: Globalization, Inequality, and Development

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 9

Reading: Henslin Chapter 9

Thursday, Nov. 14

Lecture: Sexualities and Gender Stratification

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 11

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Lecture: Sexualities and Gender Stratification

Reading: Henslin Chapter 11

Thursday, Nov. 21

Midterm Examination

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Lecture: Sociology of the Body: Disability, Aging, and Death

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 12

Thursday, Nov. 28

Lecture: Sociology of the Body: Disability, Aging, and Death

Reading: Henslin Chapter 13

Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule Winter Semester

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

Lecture: Work and the Economy

Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 13

Thursday, Jan. 9

Lecture: Work and the Economy

Reading: Henslin Chapter 14

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Lecture: Politics

Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 14

Thursday, Jan. 16

Lecture: Politics

Reading: Henslin Chapter 15

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Lecture: Race and Ethnicity

Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 10

Thursday, Jan. 23

Lecture: Race and Ethnicity

Reading: No Reading Assigned

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Lecture: Race and Ethnicity

Reading: Henslin Chapter 12

Thursday, Jan. 30

Lecture: Families

Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 15

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Lecture: Families

Reading: Henslin Chapter 16

Thursday, Feb. 6

Lecture: Religion

Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 16

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Lecture: Religion

Reading: Henslin Chapter 18

Thursday, Feb. 13

Midterm Examination

Tuesday, Feb. 18 Winter Study Break

Thursday, Feb. 20 Winter Study Break

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Lecture: Education

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 17

Thursday, Feb. 27

Lecture: Education

Reading: Henslin Chapter 17

Tuesday, Mar. 3

Lecture: Health and Medicine

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 19

Thursday, Mar. 5

Lecture: Health and Medicine

Reading: Henslin Chapter 19

Tuesday, Mar. 10

Lecture: Population and Urbanization

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 20

Thursday, Mar. 12

Lecture: Population and Urbanization

Reading: Henslin Chapter 20

Tuesday, Mar. 17

Lecture: Deviance and Crime

Reading: Brym. Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 7

Assignment is due

Thursday, Mar. 19

Lecture: Deviance and Crime

Reading: Henslin Chapter 8

Tuesday, Mar. 24

Lecture: Deviance and Crime

Reading: No Reading Assigned

Thursday, Mar. 26

Lecture: Collective Action and Social Movements

Reading: Brym, Roberts and Strohschein Chapter 21

Tuesday, Mar. 31

Lecture: Collective Action and Social Movements

Reading: Henslin Chapter 22

Thursday, Apr. 2

Last Class will be a catch-up class to complete the course material for the year.

Reading: Henslin Chapter 4