

L A K E H E A D U N I V E R S I T Y
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Introduction to Sociology
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Course Description

This course of study addresses 3 basic questions: What is sociology? How do societies work? How is sociology personally relevant? Through readings, lectures, classroom discussions, and audio-visual materials, you will come to understand sociology's unique perspective on human behaviour, its main theoretical perspectives, and its basic research methodologies. The course identifies and examines various core sociological concepts including culture, socialization, social interaction, formal organizations, social stratification, crime and deviance, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, aging, social institutions (family, education, medicine, etc.), demography, collective behaviour, social movements, and globalization.

Course Material

Required Textbook: Macionis, John J., Linda M. Gerber. 2014. *Sociology: Eighth Canadian Edition*. Pearson Education Canada

It is imperative that you read the required chapters in the Macionis textbook according to the Course Schedule (see below). Please be advised that classroom lectures do not merely repeat the content found in our textbook. Attending lectures is not a substitute for reading the text. Examinations will include numerous questions on content from the Macionis textbook which is not covered in class. You may make comments and ask questions about textbook content in class. You are advised to prepare for your classes by reading your assigned chapters *before* the classes in which they are discussed.

MySocLab: The Macionis textbook is accompanied by an easy-to-use companion website (MySocLab) which serves as a helpful study guide. The website offers chapter summaries, learning objectives, self-help study questions, self-grading quizzes, 'explore & discuss' exercises, videos, guidance and sources for assignment preparations, and more. You are strongly encouraged to work with MySocLab on a regular basis. The link and access code to MySocLab are found in every new copy of the Macionis textbook. The specific Course Code needed to access the Soci-1100YB MySocLab site is mcmillan42765.

Lectures: Lectures are an important source of required course content. You should make every effort to attend classes regularly. You are responsible for everything that takes place in class (announcements, lectures, videos, class discussions). Just as attending lectures is not a substitute for reading your main textbook, reading your text is not a substitute for attending classes. The examinations will include numerous questions based on material covered exclusively in class.

Videos: We will view several brief videos throughout the course of study. Video content will be discussed in class and may be included in course examinations. Because some of these videos may not be available outside of our classes, it is imperative that you attend their classroom showings.

Grading Scheme

Fall Exam #1.....	10%
Fall Exam #2.....	15%
Mid-year Exam.....	20%
Winter Exam #1.....	10%
Winter Exam #2.....	15%
Assignment.....	10%
Final Examination.....	20%

Examinations

There are 6 examinations scheduled throughout the course of study. These examinations will cover all course material including readings, lectures, videos, and class discussions. The Fall and Winter exams will be held during regular class times and will feature multiple-choice and true or false questions. See Course Schedule for dates. The Mid-year and Final exams will be 3 hours in duration, will be held in the Gym (Saunders Fieldhouse), and may feature multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, and essay questions. Dates and times of the Mid-year and Final exams will be announced at a later time. See the Grading Scheme above for examination weights.

**Lakehead University has a very strict policy regarding the failure to write formal examinations at the prescribed time. Please note that make-up examinations will only be offered when missed exams are due to medical and/or compassionate reasons, for which detailed, official supporting documentation must be submitted. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the University's policy regarding missed examinations. Knowing your obligations in this area may help you avoid serious academic penalty.*

ASA Assignment

You are required to prepare and submit a paper in which you demonstrate an ability to apply the American Sociological Association's (ASA) guidelines used in the formatting of research papers and essays. Detailed instructions for the assignment will be posted on our course site by Sept 15th. The assignment is worth 10% of your final course grade. The deadline for this assignment

is Thursday April 6th, class time. Assignments which are submitted after the deadline will be penalized 10% per day including weekends. Late assignments will NOT be accepted after Monday April 10th, 5 p.m. ET.

COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to minor changes)

Sept. 6 - 18	The Sociological Perspective, Macionis ch. 1
Sept. 19 - 26	Culture, Macionis ch. 3
Tues. Sept. 27	Fall Exam #1 (10% of final course grade; class time/location)
Sept. 28 - Oct. 9	Society, Macionis ch. 4
Oct. 10 - 14	Fall Break
Oct. 15 - 23	Socialization, Macionis ch. 5
Oct. 24 - 30	Social Interaction in Everyday Life, Macionis ch. 6
Tues. Nov. 1	Fall Exam #2 (15% of final course grade; class time/location)
Nov. 2 - 13	Deviance, Macionis ch. 9
Nov. 14 - 20	Social Stratification, Macionis ch. 10
Nov. 21 - 27	Global Stratification, Macionis ch. 12
Nov. 28 - Dec. 5	Gender Stratification, Macionis ch. 13
T.B.A	Mid-year Examination (20% of final course grade; Saunders Fieldhouse)
Jan. 9 - 15	Groups and Organizations, Macionis ch. 7
Jan. 16 - 23	Race and Ethnicity, Macionis ch. 14
Tues. Jan. 24	Winter Exam #1 (10% of final course grade; class time/location)
Jan. 25 - Feb. 5	Aging and the Elderly, Macionis ch. 15
Feb. 6 - 19	The Economy and Work, Macionis ch. 16
Feb. 20 - 24	Winter Break
Feb. 25 - Mar. 5	Family, Macionis ch. 18
Tues. Mar. 7	Winter Exam #2 (15% of final course grade; class time/location)
Mar. 8- 19	Sexuality and Society, Macionis ch. 8
Mar. 20 - 26	Education, Macionis ch. 20
Mar. 27- Apr. 2	Health and Medicine, Macionis ch. 21
Apr. 3 - 7	Population, Urbanization, and Environment, Macionis ch. 22
Thurs. Apr. 6	Deadline for Assignment (10% of final grade; class time/location)
T.B.A	Final Examination (20% of final course grade; Saunders Fieldhouse)