

L A K E H E A D U N I V E R S I T Y
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
Introduction to Sociology
Sociology 1100 SA 2013

Note: *This course is team-taught by Dr. Forbes and Professor McMillan. Dr. Forbes will teach the first three weeks and Professor McMillan will teach the remaining three weeks.*

Spring 2013
Classes are held in: AT2001

Class Times: Mon. to Thurs. 1:30 to 4:00PM

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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 in-depth 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.

Required Text

Henslin, James, M., Dan Glenday, Norene Pupo and Ann Duffy. 2010. *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach*. 5th Canadian Edition. Toronto: Pearson Canada

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.

Evaluation

Mid-Term Examination (Wed. May 8)	22.5%
Mid-Term Examination (Wed. May 22)	22.5%
Mid-Term Examination (Tues. June 4)	22.5%
Final Examination (Sat. June 15)	22.5%
Participation (throughout the course)	10%

Examinations

There are 4 examinations scheduled throughout the course of study. They may be comprised of multiple choice, short-answer and essay questions. The precise format will be announced in class. Examinations will incorporate lectures, class discussions, films and assigned readings. Please refer to the Lecture/Reading Schedule for examination dates and times.

Participation

You should make every effort to attend all classes. Course examinations may cover material which will only be available during classes (lectures, videos, activities). You should ensure that you are prepared for classes by reading your assigned chapters/articles *before* the classes in which the material is addressed (see the Lecture/Reading Schedule below). Your participation mark is based on your attendance and contributions to class discussions.

Grades

Midterm examinations will be returned in class. You have two weeks, after the day midterms 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.

Note: We try to answer email in a timely fashion. We guarantee a response during regularly-scheduled office hours. We do NOT discuss marks through email.

Lecture and Reading Schedule

Wednesday May 1

Welcome to Introduction to Sociology 1100 SA

Introductions

Course Outline

Lecture: The Sociological Perspective

Thursday May 2

Lecture: The Sociological Perspective

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 1

Monday May 6

Lecture: What Do Sociologists Do?

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 2

Tuesday May 7**Lecture:** Culture**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 3**Reading:** Miner, Horace. 2007. "Body Ritual Among the Nacirema." Pp. 18-21 in *Classic Readings in Sociology*, edited by E. L. Howard. Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth (Library Reserve)**Wednesday May 8****Midterm Examination #1** (first half of the class)**Lecture:** Socialization (second half of the class)**Reading:** Pines, Maya. 2005. "The Civilizing of Genie." Pp. 61-67 in *Images of Society. Readings that Inspire and Inform Sociology*, edited by M. Carroll & J. P. White. United States: Thomson Nelson (Library Reserve)**Thursday May 9****Lecture:** Socialization**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 4**Monday May 13****Lecture:** Inequalities of Age**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 9**Tuesday May 14****Lecture:** Politics: Power and Authority**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 12**Wednesday May 15****Lecture:** The Family: Initiation into Society**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 13**Thursday May 16****Lecture:** Crime and Social Deviance**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 16**Monday May 20****Victoria Day Holiday****Tuesday May 21****Lecture:** Social Movements and Social Change**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 18**Wednesday May 22****Midterm Examination #2****Thursday May 23****Lecture:** Social Structure and Social Inequality: The Canadian Experience in a Global Context**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 6**Monday May 27****Lecture:** Globalization**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 5

Tuesday May 28

Lecture: T.B.A.

Wednesday May 29

Lecture: Inequalities of Gender

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 7

Thursday May 30

Lecture: Inequalities of Race and Ethnicity

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 8

Monday June 3

Lecture: T.B.A.

Tuesday June 4

Midterm Examination #3

Lecture: T.B.A.

Wednesday June 5

Lecture: Bureaucracy and the Corporation

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 10

Thursday June 6

Lecture: The Economy: Money and Work

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

Monday June 10

Lecture: T.B.A.

Tuesday June 11

Lecture: Medicine: Health and Illness in Canada

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 15

Wednesday, June 12

Lecture: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment

Reading: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 17

Saturday June 15

Final Examination: regular class time and location