

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

**Note:** *This course is team-taught by Dr. Forbes and Professor McMillan. Dr. Forbes will teach the fall semester and Professor McMillan will teach the winter semester. Fifty percent of your overall mark will be evaluated during the fall semester and fifty percent of your overall mark will be evaluated during the winter semester.*

**Fall and Winter Semesters 2013-2014**

**Class Times: Monday and Wednesday 4:00-5:30**

**Classes are held in: AT 1001**

**Winter Semester**

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<b><u>Evaluation Winter Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Marks</u></b>
Mid-Term Examination	14%
Final Examination	20%
Assignment	10%
Participation	<u>6%</u>
	50%

**Assignment**

There is one assignment scheduled for the second half of the course. It is worth 10% of your final course grade. Details of the assignment requirements will be released by January 15th. See the reading schedule for the assignment deadline.

**Reading Schedule Winter Semester 2014**

**January 6-19**

**Lecture:** Social Inequality: The Canadian Experience in a Global Context

**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 6

**January 20-26**

**Lecture:** Globalization

**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 5

**January 27-February 9**

**Lecture:** Inequalities of Gender

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

**February 10-16****Lecture:** Inequalities of Race and Ethnicity**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 8**February 17-23****Reading Week****February 24-March 2****Lecture:** Bureaucracy and the Corporation**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 10**Monday March 3rd****Midterm Examination****March 4-16****Lecture:** The Economy and Work**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 11**March 17-23****Lecture:** Education and Religion**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 14**March 19****Assignment Deadline:** class time and location**March 24-30****Lecture:** Medicine: Health and Illness in Canada**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 15**March-31-April 3****Lecture:** Population, Urbanization, and the Environment**Reading:** *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* - Chapter 17**Final Examination: date, time & location TBA****RESEARCH PAPER ASSIGNMENT**

You are required to prepare and submit one research paper worth 10% of your final course grade. You MUST select a topic from the list below. Your paper MUST be prepared according to the following requirements:

- Your paper must include 4-5 pages of discussion NOT including your title page, References page, tables, graphics, figures, appendices, etc.
- Do NOT include an abstract or a table of contents.
- Any tables, graphics, figures, etc. must appear in an appendix at the end of your paper.

- You must use ASA (American Sociological Association) formatting style for your title page, References page, pagination, margins, in-text citations, etc. Google 'ASA' for abbreviated ASA formatting guides or try <http://www.calstatela.edu/library/bi/rsalina/asa.styleguide.html>
- Your paper must be typed, double-spaced, with a 12 point standard font.
- You must base your paper on at least 3 scholarly, peer-reviewed books or articles from academic journals (do not use our course textbook as one of your 4 sources).
- You must NOT use newspapers, magazines, videos, Wikipedia, encyclopedia, dictionaries or other non-academic sources or non-academic websites.
- Avoid value judgement and personal opinions. Do not use words like 'should' or 'ought', and avoid using personal anecdotes or first person references such as 'I', 'me', 'my', etc.
- Avoid plagiarism! Plagiarism is a serious offense! It is your responsibility to know what constitutes plagiarism and to familiarize yourself thoroughly with Lakehead University's official policy on academic dishonesty. See the L.U. calendar at "IX Academic Dishonesty". Also, see the following site for helpful info on plagiarism: <http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/plagiar.html>
- You must submit a hard copy of your paper. No electronic copies will be accepted. Be sure to save a copy of your paper to your hard drive.
- The deadline for the submission of your paper is March 19th, 2014, class time and location. Late papers will NOT be accepted. No exceptions! I strongly urge you to start your paper now.

In addition to the above assignment requirements, please consider the following when preparing your paper:

- Please note that the emphasis in the grading process will be placed on the format/structure of your paper... perhaps as much as 75% of your assignment grade will be based on how well you lay-out your paper according to the ASA formatting criteria.
- The best papers are those which reflect a tight focus. A paper which is tightly focused, especially a short one such as this, has a better chance of generating the depth of analysis expected in university papers. Once you have selected your topic, explore ways of limiting your topic's scope.
- Provide a brief introduction (one paragraph only) in which you simply state the objectives of your paper. You might start your paper with something like "The following paper is an attempt to..." Don't include any references to the published literature in your introduction. Don't start your analysis of your topic in the introduction. Simply inform your reader what your paper is about (general topic, specific focus, theoretical perspective).
- In the body of your paper, you must address all the objectives stated in your introduction. This section represents the bulk of your paper and must include numerous references to scholarly, published literature on the topic. Remember: ideas that you draw from the work of others must be cited using ASA format; (e.g., Smith 2006:72).

- Provide a brief conclusion (one paragraph only) in which you simply summarize your paper's main points. You might start your conclusion with “In summary,…” Do not add anything new. Do not make any references to the published literature in your conclusion.
- Be absolutely sure that you discuss your topic in a SOCIOLOGICAL manner. I am not qualified to grade psychology, history, philosophy, political science, economics, or nursing papers, or any other paper that is not essentially sociological. If your paper is not sociological, I will be forced to return it to you ungraded.

### **Topics**

Remember: look for ways to tighten the focus on your selected topic.

Pros (or cons) of multiculturalism in Canada

Corporate crime in Canada

Health status of Aboriginal Canadians

The medicalization of men (or women)

Schooling and the hidden curriculum

The image of women (or men) in the media

Alienation and social problems

Disadvantages of cellphones

Female victimization

Ageism in the media

Eating disorders in Canada

Problems of bureaucracy

The McDonaldization of Canadian society

Poverty in Canada

Concentration of wealth in Canada

Canada's role in global underdevelopment

Bullying

Labour market trends in Canada

Occupational gender (or racial) segregation in Canada

The greying of Canada

Deviant subcultures in Canada

Family problems in Canada

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