

The University of Calgary
Faculty of Arts
Department of Sociology
Sociology 201(L03)-Introduction to Sociology
Course Outline, Winter 2013

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Course Objectives

Sociology is the systematic study of social behavior and human groups. Therefore, as the scientific study of the actions of individuals in groups, sociology helps us to recognize the patterns of social organization as well as offer plausible explanations for individual behaviour and function. In this course we will examine four main theoretical traditions in sociology: Functionalism, Conflict Theory, Symbolic Interactionism and Feminism. We will also discuss several different methodologies used by sociologists to test their ideas. In addition, under the guise of social stratification, we will analyze culture, race, ethnicity and nascent patterns of class and gender inequality in Canada and abroad. Finally, we will investigate the social forces that shape health and aging, deviance, and urbanization.

Required Text

Brym, R.J. (Ed.). (2011). *New society* (6th ed.). Toronto: Nelson. It is important to purchase this edition of the text.

Students are expected to read each assigned reading before class and to make use of power point slides available on Blackboard. Please note that these slides do not represent an exhaustive set of notes and are not an alternative to attending classes and tutorials.

Evaluation

Composition of Final Grade:

Examination 1	25%	February 12 (In Class)
Examination 2	25%	March 26 (In Class)
Tutorial Assignments*	15%	See Tutorial Outline
Final Examination	35%	Scheduled by Registrar TBA

There will be three examinations in this class. The first mid-term examination is on February 12 and the second mid-term will be on March 26. They are not cumulative and will be in multiple choice and true-false format. The final exam will be cumulative. These are closed-book examinations. **All lecture, tutorial and reading material is subject to evaluation.**

*You must complete all tutorial assignments (as stated in the tutorial outline) in order to get a passing grade in this course.

Grading Scheme

The following grading scheme will be used in this course.

A+ > 95%	B+ 80%-84.99%	C+ 67%-69.99%	D+ 54%-58.99%
A 90%-94.99%	B 75%-79.99%	C 63%-66.99%	D 50%-53.99%
A- 85%-89.99%	B- 70%-74.99%	C- 59%-62.99%	F <49.99%

"The grades for a course component may be scaled."

Tutorials

The teaching assistants will provide you with an outline of what will be covered during tutorials, and will also be available on Blackboard. Tutorials will consist of watching videos, responding to questions about social issues, and completing various writing assignments. More information will be made available in the first tutorial that will take place during the second week of classes.

Reading/Class Schedule

Before reviewing the schedule below, please be aware that it is expected to be flexible. Some topics may require more time than scheduled.

Date	Topic	Text Reading to have completed
Jan 8	Thinking Sociologically	None
Jan 10	Sociological Theories	Chapter 1
Jan 15	Sociological Theories	Chapter 1
Jan 17	Methods and Key Concepts How to do sociology	Chapter 20
Jan 22	Methods and Key Concepts How to do sociology	Chapter 20
Jan 24	Socialization	Chapter 3
Jan 29	Socialization	Chapter 3
Jan 31	Culture	Chapter 2
Feb 5	Culture	Chapter 2
Feb 7	Review	Chapters 1,2,3 and 20
Feb 12	Examination 1	Based on text chapters 1, 2, 3, and 20
Feb 14	Film: Social Stratification	
Feb 17 - 24	No class Reading Week	
Feb 26	Deviance and crime	Chapter 14
Feb 28	Deviance and crime	Chapter 14
Mar 5	Social Stratification	Chapter 6
Mar 7	Social Stratification	Chapter 6
Mar 12	Race and ethnicity	Chapter 8
Mar 14	Race and ethnicity	Chapter 8
Mar 19	Sex and gender	Chapters 4, 7
Mar 21	Sex and gender	Chapters 4, 7
Mar 26	Examination 2	Based on text chapters 4,6,7,8, and 14
Mar 28	Health and Aging	Chapter 17
Apr 2	Health and Aging	Chapter 17

Apr 4	Urbanization	Chapter 15
Apr 9	Urbanization	Chapter 15
Apr 11	Sociology of Social Change and Globalization	Chapter 18,19
Apr 16	Sociology of Social Change and Globalization	Chapter 18,19
Scheduled by Registrar	Final Exam	Cumulative

Emergency evacuations:

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom/lab, please proceed to the assembly point by the *Professional Faculties Food Court*.

Deferrals:

If at all possible you must provide advance notice to the instructor if you are unable to take a test or pass in an assignment or essay on time. All requests for deferral of a course component due to health reasons must be accompanied by written documentation as outlined in the University Calendar and should be obtained while the student has the physical or emotional problem rather than after recovery. Deferrals will be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. Travel arrangements and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferral. Deferrals will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

If you have missed a test for a legitimate reason, the instructor can require you to write a “make up” test as close in time to the original test as possible or can choose to transfer the percentage weight to another course component. If the instructor schedules a “make up” test for you, its date and location will be at the convenience of the Department of Sociology.

Deferred Final Exam Form:

Please note that requests to defer a Registrar-scheduled final exam are dealt with through the Registrar’s Office. Further information about deadlines, and where paperwork should be taken, is available on the form, which can be found at:

http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/Sp_Su_DFE_App.pdf

Deferred Term Work Form:

Deferral of term work past the end of a term also requires a form to be filled out. It’s available at:

http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/deferral_termwork

Once an extension date has been agreed between instructor and student, the form should be taken to the Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (SS 110) for approval by an Associate Dean (Students).

Ethics Research: Students are advised that any research with human subjects--including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation--must have the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects’ research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct are regarded as serious academic offences. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside an instructor's office or the Department main office. Written assignments must be returned to students individually, during class, or during the instructor's office hours; if a student is unable to pick up her/his assignment s/he may provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Safewalk: The University of Calgary provides a "safe walk" service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the "Help" phones located around Campus.

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, phone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. It is a student's responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.

Handing in papers outside of class, return of final papers, and release of final grades:

1. When students are unable to submit papers in class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor or teaching assistant. Papers will not be accepted in the main Sociology Department office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the main Sociology Department office. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place (i.e. outside an instructor's office, the department office etc.) Students who want their final papers returned by mail must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper. Otherwise final papers will be available for pick-up only during the instructor's office hours at the end of this term or at the beginning of the next term.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are available only online.

Computer and Internet Use:

Computers/tablets are to be used for note-taking only. All other devices should be turned off and put away. Please bear in mind that using your computer/tablet/phone to surf the net, shop, email, check Facebook, update your tweets, etc. is very distracting to your classmates. It is also a waste of your tuition fees for this course.

Students' Union:

Students' Union contacts can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/contact>

Student Representation

There are now four Arts reps because of the amalgamation, with the email addresses being arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, and arts4@su.ucalgary.ca. Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman, please see

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program

Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts!
Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca.
You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at
<http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common
academic concerns.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly
the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd
Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student
Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at
the MacKimmie Library Block.