

The University of Calgary
Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Sociology
Sociology 201(L05)-Introduction to Sociology
Course Outline, Fall 2010

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Introduction

Why do members of society behave the way they do? Are we simply creatures of rational choice? Do our biological/psychological compositions largely dictate our actions? How does society affect our behaviour? What is sociology and how does it aid us in explaining human behaviour? From our readings and congenial class discussions, we will explore these questions by examining information disseminated by various sociological theorists. As I expect students to be active producers rather than passive consumers of ideas, there will be considerable class time to analyze these issues.

Required Text

In addition to various on-line readings posted on Blackboard, we will use:

Brym, R. J. (Ed). (2011). *New society* (6th ed.). Toronto: Nelson.

This comprehensive collection of readings will address the issues identified above in the introduction. Students will be expected to carefully consider each assigned reading before class and make use of slide show notes available on Blackboard. Please realize that these files *do not* represent an exhaustive set of notes and *are not* an alternative to regularly attending classes and tutorials.

Evaluation

There are four requirements to complete in this course.

Examination I	25%	Oct 9 th
Examination II	25%	Oct 30 th
Tutorial Assignments	15%	See Tutorial Outline
Final Examination	35%	Dec 4 th

The three multiple choice examinations will be based upon the required readings and class discussions for each section. All lecture and reading materials are subject to evaluation. Therefore, it is important that students attend all classes and examine every reading in order to meet the demands of this course. 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.

Grading Scheme

The following grading scheme will be used in this course.

A+ > 90%	B+ 77%-79.99%	C+ 67%-69.99%	D+ 57%-59.99%
A 85%-89.99%	B 73%-76.99%	C 63%-66.99%	D 53%-56.99%
A- 80%-84.99%	B- 70%-72.99%	C- 60%-62.99%	F <53%

**The grades for a course component may be scaled to maintain equity among sections and to conform to departmental norms.*

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. Students should ensure that they have completed the readings before each class.

Date	Topic	Reading(s)
Sept 18	Introduction What is sociology	Chapter 1
Sept 25	How to do sociology	Chapter 20
Oct 2	Socialization/Families	Chapters 3 & 10
Oct 9	Mid-term examination (8:00am-9:15am) Culture (9:15am-noon)	Based upon chapters 1, 3, 10, 20 of Brym, and lecture material Chapter 2
Oct 16	Stratification, "Race" and ethnicity	Chapters 6 & 8
Oct 23	Gender	Chapters 4 & 7
Oct 30	Mid-term examination (8:00am-9:15am) Religion (9:15am-noon)	Based upon chapters 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 of Brym, and lecture material Chapter 13
Nov 6	Religion, Crime and deviance	Chapters 13 & 14
Nov 20	Urbanization, Social movements	Chapters 15 & 18
Nov 27	Review	None
Dec 4th	Final examination	

Other Administrative Information

Emergency Evacuations

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom/lab, please proceed to the assembly point by *Social Science 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 Sociology Department.

Please note that requests to defer a final examination or to defer term work past the end of a term go through the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) and must be processed by the deadlines that are established in the U of C Calendar. You can find the forms you need online:

Deferred Final Exam Application:

http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/APP%20FOR%20DF%20EXAM_0.pdf

Deferred Term Work Form:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/defTW.pdf>

You must submit these deferral forms to the Faculty of Arts Associate Dean (Students) through the UPO office: Undergraduate Programs Office, 4th Floor, MacEwan Student Centre. Only the Associate Dean approves requests for deferrals which extend beyond the end of a term.

Instructors are not involved in such decisions. To make an appointment with the Associate Dean, phone (403) 220-8155.

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) legislation 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 Privacy (FOIP) legislation 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.