

UNIVERSITY of CALGARY
Department of Sociology

SOCIOLOGY 201-20

INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY

SPRING TERM 2013

Lecture: T/R 9:00-11:50
Tutorial: T/R 13:00-13:50
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The sociological study of society, social institutions, group behaviour, personality formation and social change. Areas of sociological concern such as social organization, social stratification, ethnic relations, family structure, education, gender relations, deviance and globalization are examined using some of the major concepts, theories and procedures of sociological inquiry.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Brym, Robert J., New Society, Sixth Canadian Edition, 2011, Toronto: Nelson Education, ISBN 978-0-17-650183-9 **Please do not buy the old edition.**

PREREQUISITES:

None

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Students will be expected to learn the appropriate sociological terminology, concepts, theories and paradigms. They should be able to apply these to the substantive (subject) areas listed above, among others. A goal of this course is to prepare students to think critically about current issues, using a scientific approach.

CALCULATION OF FINAL GRADE:

EXAMINATION	VALUE	DATE
Midterm #1	30%	May 30, 2013
Midterm #2	30%	June 13, 2013
Written Assignment Due	20%	June 18, 2013
Final Exam	20%	June 27-29 (TBA)

Please note: It is the position of the instructor that this course outline constitutes a formal contract between student and teacher. Therefore, in order to ensure equitable treatment of all students, no individual will be granted a reweighting of the various components of the final grade. Similarly, no make-up work will be allowed.

GRADING SCHEME:

A+	96	-	100	C+	67	-	69
A	88	-	95	C	64	-	66
A-	83	-	87	C-	60	-	63
B+	78	-	82	D+	55	-	59
B	73	-	77	D	50	-	54
B-	70	-	72	F	0	-	49

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT:

A written assignment of approximately 10 pages typed, double-spaced, will be submitted by each student. The paper will require the student to apply particular sociological paradigms and theories to the analysis of one of a choice of topics of current social interest provided by the instructor.

Assignments not submitted by the deadline of June 18th will be penalized 10% per day including Saturdays and Sundays. **Do not E-mail assignments! It is the responsibility of the student to print out a hard copy to be graded – not that of the instructor.**

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

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. Please do not simply slip assignments under the office door of the instructor or teaching assistant as they will be considered “submitted” when they are found, and penalties may be applied for assumed late submissions.

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.

Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are available only online.

FORMAT OF EXAMINATIONS:

All examinations in this course will be multiple choice. Each of the two midterms will consist of 60 multiple choice questions. The final will be made up of 100 multiple choice questions. None of the exams, including the final, will be cumulative in nature, although some carry-over is to be expected with regard to theory. Each exam will be based on the textbook, the lectures, the video-recordings and class discussions. Approximately 50% of each exam will pertain to material not in the text itself, so regular attendance is crucial to success in this course. Good note-taking is essential, and a student who has missed a class must get the notes from a fellow classmate. The instructor does not teach from notes, and any slides which accompany the lecture provide only a skeleton outline of each session. They in no way contain enough information on their own to prepare the student for the exams.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY DURING EXAMS:

Dictionaries, data or internet-enabled phones (i.e. Blackberry, I-Phone etc.), laptops or other electronic devices may not be used during examinations. All such devices are to be out of sight and all cell phones must be turned off. Since the format of the exams is multiple choice, no computers or word processors will be required or permitted, even if a student has a documented disability.

GENERAL EXAM AND ASSIGNMENT POLICIES:

A student must provide advance notice to the instructor if he/she is unable to take an exam. All requests for deferral of an examination due to health reasons must be accompanied by written documentation as outlined in the University Calendar. This documentation should be obtained while the student has the physical or emotional problem rather than after recovery. Deferred exams may be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. If a student has missed an exam for a legitimate reason, he/she will be able to write a “make-up” exam as close to the original exam as possible. The date and location will be at the convenience of the Sociology Department. Travel arrangements, poor time management and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferred exam. Deferred exams will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

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://ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/APP%20FOR%20DF%20EXAM_0.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://ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/defTW.pdf>

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).

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Cheating is regarded as a serious academic offense. 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. As ignorance of the policies is not an excuse, students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this section of the Calendar.

VIDEOS AND DVDs:

Several videos and DVDs will be shown during class time. Some of the titles have been indicated on the course outline, but other clips may be used if time permits. As these are considered an integral part of the course, exam questions may directly or indirectly refer back to their content, their treatment of a given subject, the subsequent class discussion, etc. Most belong to the Visual Resources Centre at the University of Calgary, (now VPArts@ucalgary.ca)

and if a student misses class the day they are shown, he or she will be able to set up a private viewing time by contacting the Centre on the third floor of the Digital Library. Some videos or DVDs, however, will have been borrowed from other instructors potentially from other institutions, and the student will have no access to them should he/she miss seeing them in class.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE:

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.

Students’ Union: Students’ Union contacts can be found at:

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

Student Representation: The Faculty of Arts has four SU representatives who may be contacted at any of the following email addresses: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, and arts4@ucalgary.ca. Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman: <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.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION:

Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, telephone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class for the regular term, and before the first midterm in the case of Spring and Summer courses. It is a student’s responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation if required. Otherwise, the instructor cannot authorize such accommodation.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

DATE	TOPIC	PRE-CLASS READING
May 14	Introducing Sociology Video: After the Montreal Massacre (18 Min.)	Chapter 1
May 16	Culture	Chapter 2
May 21	Socialization	Chapter 3
May 23	Social Stratification Video: In the Gutter and Other Good Places (55 min.)	Chapter 6
May 28	Race and Ethnic Relations Video: The M-Word: Canada's Multiculturalism: A Work in Progress (47 min.)	Chapter 8
May 30	MIDTERM # 1 (75 min. at the end of class) Gender and Sexuality Video: The Bro Code (58 min.)	Chapter 4
June 4	Discussion of Midterm Questions Gender Inequality: Economic & Political Aspects Video: Killing Us Softly IV: Advertising's Image of Women	Chapter 7
June 6	Health & Aging	Chapter 17
June 11	Education	Chapter 12
June 13	MIDTERM # 2 (75 min. at the end of class) Families	Chapter 10
June 18	WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT DUE Discussion of Midterm Questions Development & Underdevelopment	Chapter 9
June 20	Globalization Sociology and the Environment Video: The Economics of Happiness (68 min.)	Chapter 19 Chapter 16
June 25	Deviance & Crime	Chapter 14
June 27-29	FINAL EXAM PERIOD (precise date and time of final exam to be determined by Registrar's Office)	