

**University of Calgary  
Department of Sociology**

**Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology 201  
Fall 2009**

**Course Outline**

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INSTRUCTOR:	Christopher O'Connor
OFFICE/PHONE:	SS
OFFICE HOURS:	Saturday 12:00-13:00, (or by appointment)
CLASS TIME:	Saturday, 8:00 to 12:00 (September 12 <sup>th</sup> to November 28 <sup>th</sup> )
CLASSROOM:	PF 118
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"Whatever sociology may be, it is the result of constantly asking the question, what is the meaning of this?" (C. Wright Mills)

**Course Description and Objectives:**

Sociology, broadly interpreted, is the study of human interaction and behaviour. This course is an introduction to the discipline of sociology. Through an examination of sociology's major theoretical perspectives, analytical techniques, and basic concepts, this course is intended to develop a student's ability to understand the social world through a sociological perspective. In particular, this course will challenge students to think critically about the relationships between individuals and society. By the end of this course, students should have a thorough knowledge of sociological concepts and how sociologists apply these concepts to our complex and diverse social world(s).

**Required Text:**

Macionis, J. and L. Gerber. 2008. Sociology, Sixth Canadian Edition. Toronto: Pearson Education Canada. (Available at the bookstore)

**Course Requirements and Grading:**

Your final grade will be calculated based on the following:

Midterm Exam:	35% (October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, in class)
Paper Assignment:	20% (Due November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, in class)
Final Exam:	45% (December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2009)

Final grades will be determined as follows:

A+ (95-100%)	C+ (67-69%)
A (90-94%)	C (63-66%)
A- (85-89%)	C- (60-62%)
B+ (80-84%)	D+ (55-59%)
B (75-79%)	D (50-54%)
B- (70-74%)	F (49% or less)

The grades for a course component may be scaled to maintain equity among sections and/or to conform to departmental norms. Students must complete all the required components of the class in order to pass the course.

### **Late Papers:**

Assignments not handed in on the due date will be assessed a penalty of 10% per day. Papers will not be accepted via email.

### **Course Schedule:**

Please note that the following schedule is subject to change. Provided below is the approximate order in which topics will be covered. It is important that you attend all lectures in order to keep apprised of any changes that might occur to the schedule. There is no lecture on NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> (reading week).

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Course Overview and The Sociological Perspective	Chapter 1
Sociological Investigation	Chapter 2
Culture and Society	Chapter 3 and 4
Socialization and Social Interaction	Chapter 5 and 6
Groups and Organizations	Chapter 7
Deviance	Chapter 9
Race and Ethnicity	Chapter 14
Gender and Sexuality	Chapter 8 and 13
Social Inequality	Chapter 10, 11, and 12
Population, Urbanization, and Environment	Chapter 22
Religion	Chapter 19
Work and Education	Chapter 16 and 20
Family	Chapter 18
Collective Behaviour and Social Movements	Chapter 23
Health and Medicine	Chapter 21

## Department and University Policies

### ***Emergency evacuations:***

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

### ***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/Winter2008DEFERREDFINALEXAMINATION\\_S.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/Winter2008DEFERREDFINALEXAMINATION_S.pdf)

### ***Deferred Term Work Form:***

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

You must submit these deferral forms to the Social Sciences 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.

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