

**University of Calgary
Department of Sociology**

Introduction to Sociology

Sociology 201

Summer 2009

Course Outline

INSTRUCTOR: Christopher O'Connor
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OFFICE HOURS: Thursday 12:30-13:30, (or by appointment)
CLASS TIME: Tuesday, Thursday, 14:00 to 16:50
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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% (July 21, 2009, in class)
Paper Assignment: 20% (Due August 6th, 2009, in class)
Final Exam: 45% (Registrar scheduled, August 17th -19th)

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.

Course Schedule:

Please note that the following schedule is subject to change and thus no specific dates are provided for when certain topics will be covered. Provided below is the approximate order in which topics will be covered. It is important that you attend all lectures and tutorials in order to keep apprised of any changes that might occur to the schedule.

Topic	Readings
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
Social Inequality	Chapter 10, 11, and 12
Gender and Sexuality	Chapter 8 and 13
Race and Ethnicity	Chapter 14
Family	Chapter 18
Population, Urbanization, and Environment	Chapter 22
Collective Behaviour and Social Movements	Chapter 23
Health and Medicine	Chapter 21
Religion	Chapter 19

Department and University Policies

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 at:

Deferred Final Exam Application:

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.

To make an appointment with the Associate Dean, phone (403) 220-8155.

Only the Associate Dean approves requests for deferrals which extend beyond the end of a term. Instructors are not involved in such decisions.

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 offenses. 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, 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. 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 at class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor or teaching assistant rather than at the Sociology Department main office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the Sociology Department main office. The Freedom of Information and Protection of 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 only be available for pick-up during the instructor's office hours at the end of this term or the beginning of the next term.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology department. They are only available online.

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