

# INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

## SOCI 201-02

Course Times	<b>Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 - 10:45am</b>
Room	MFH 162
Tutorials	as per your schedule
Instructor	<b>Dr. Melissa Munn</b>
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Thomas Berger stated that the first wisdom of sociology is that things are not always as they seem. We all live in society, but what do we really understand about it? How can we make sense of our day-to-day interactions and experiences? Throughout the semester you will be asked to reflect on Berger’s statement and to examine the world using a variety of sociological tools and theories. Through the use of lecture, video and tutorials, you will examine a variety of issues (e.g. class, race, family, sexuality, crime, deviance, gender, collective action, religion). By the end of the semester you should be able to engage in discussions about these topics and construct a basic written argument to support your position.

### REQUIRED COURSE TEXTS

- Tepperman, T. & Curtis, J. (2009). *Principles of Sociology: Canadian Perspectives*. Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.
- Muller, J. (2005). *Writing the first social science term paper & book review*. Terrace, BC: Beachview Creations.

### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

- Morris, R. (1995). *Penal abolition: the practical choice*. Toronto, ON: Canadian Scholars' Press.  
**CHAPTER 5 ONLY. On Blackboard Class Site.**

### GRADING SCALE AND COMPOSITION

Letter grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

<b>A+</b> 96-100	<b>B+</b> 80 - 84	<b>C+</b> 67-69	<b>D+</b> 57-59
<b>A</b> 90-95	<b>B</b> 74-79	<b>C</b> 63-66	<b>D</b> 53-56
<b>A-</b> 85-89	<b>B-</b> 70-73	<b>C-</b> 60-62	<b>D-</b> 50-52 <b>F</b> 0-49

GRADE COMPOSITION	
Midterm Exam # 1	25%
Midterm Exam # 2	25%
Final Examination	35%
Tutorial Assignments	15%

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

### **Midterm # 1**

This exam will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> and will cover material from Chapters 1 through 4 & Chapter 14 in your text and all class material covered from January 11 through to class on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This exam will be a forced choice format (multiple choice and true or false.) You will have the full classroom period to complete the exam.

### **Midterm # 2**

This exam will be held on March 16th, 2009. This exam will cover material from Chapters 5 through 8 & 10 in your text, the reading by Morris and all class material covered from February 8th, 2009 through to class on March 12th, 2009. This exam will be a forced choice format (multiple choice and true or false.) You will have the full classroom period to complete the exam.

### **Tutorial Assignments**

Your tutorial time will be primarily be used to learn how to construct and write a sociological argument; therefore, all tutorial assignments will be based on your Muller (2005) text. You will not be required to write a full research essay but you will be required to master the construction of a thesis statement and the construction of a basic argument. You must also be able to structure a research paper and construct an APA style citation of a reference. In order to successfully complete an undergraduate degree, these skills are essential – regardless of your subject major. You will complete several small assignments and each of these will be graded and cumulatively will be used to form 15% of your final grade. Late assignments will be penalized (**30% per day or portion thereof**) except in EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which must be approved by the instructor.

### **Final Exam**

This exam will be scheduled during the University's examination period. This exam will cover material from Chapters 9, 11,12,13, 15 & 17 in your text, all material covered in the Muller text and all class material covered from November 4 to the final class. This exam will be a forced choice format (multiple choice and true or false.)

## **LOGISTICS**

### ***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/Winter2008DEFERREDFINALEXAMINATIONONS.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.

**Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend all lectures and tutorials. If work is assigned and missed during one of those, the same policy as those employed for deferred examination will be followed.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Changes to the schedule may occur. Students will be notified in class and on Blackboard of any changes. Students are expected to complete the reading PRIOR to the class.

WEEK OF	TOPIC	READINGS
January 11	Introduction: The Sociological Perspective	Chapter 1
January 18	Culture and Change	Chapter 2
January 25	Socialization & Religion	Chapter 3 & Chapter 14
February 1	Social Organization MIDTERM # 1 February 4th	Chapter 4
February 8	Deviance	Chapter 5 Morris: Chapter 5
February 22	Class and Status Inequality & Health Issues	Chapter 6 & Chapter 10
March 1	Sexuality and Gender	Chapter 7
March 8	Ethnic and Race Relations	Chapter 8
March 15	MIDTERM # 2 March 16th Families and Intimate Relationships	Chapter 9
March 22	Families and Intimate Relationships	
March 29	Education & Work and the Economy	Chapter 11 & 12
April 5	Mass Media and Communication	Chapter 13
April 12	Politics and Social Movements & Globalization and Social Change	Chapter 15 Chapter 17
April 19 -29	FINAL EXAM	