

## SOCIOLOGY 355: Population & Society

FALL 2009

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm – 4:45pm

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of population structure (size, composition, distribution) and process (fertility, mortality, migration); its relation to society, including world population problems.

#### Required textbook:

Trovato, F. (2009). *Canada's Population in a Global Context: An Introduction to Social Demography*. Oxford University Press.

**Emergency Evacuation: 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.**

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your grade in the course will be determined by the following:

Mid-term exam #1 .....	Thursday 8 Oct .....	20%
Mid-term exam #2 .....	Tuesday 10 Nov.....	30%
Final exam.....	(registrar scheduled).....	30%
Assignments.....	see schedule.....	20%

**Quiz and Exams:** There will be a total of three exams (two mid-term exams and one final exam). They will consist of multiple choice questions and open-ended questions (often involving some calculations). They will cover all the material covered in the lectures and in the textbook. Note that the lectures cover more material than the textbook itself. Students are responsible for the material covered in class regardless of whether they are present for each class. See also the regulations regarding absences at exams

(under ‘Course conventions’). The use of pocket calculators are allowed during quizzes and exams (no other material, books, and/or notes are permitted).

**Assignments:** There will be five assignments (4 points each) for a total of 20% of your final grade. Each assignment will be graded as pass or fail. More information about each assignment will be provided in due course. Note that the assignment should be submitted at 3:30pm on the due day (at the beginning of class). There will be a 10% deduction per day in the case of late submission.

Assignment	Due date
1. Data and sources	Tuesday 22 Sept.
2. World population	Tuesday 6 Oct.
3. Age and sex structure	Tuesday 20 Oct.
4. Fertility	Tuesday 3 Nov.
5. Demographic research	Tuesday 24 Nov.

**Final grade:** There will be no provision for make-up exams or any other work for the purpose of improving grades. A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not essential if the student is to pass the course as a whole.

## EMAIL CONVENTION

Students are encouraged to use the lectures and office hours to ask questions. For after-hours questions, the use of email is acceptable. Please write ‘SOC1 355’ in the ‘Subject’ portion of the email. I receive numerous emails every day. By clearly identifying the subject of your email, you will help me reply more efficiently to your emails.

## LETTER GRADE ASSIGNMENT

At the end of the course, the numerical marks will be summed and a final letter grade will be assigned based on the following:

Percentage range	Letter grade	Percentage range	Letter grade
95 or higher	A+	67-71	C+
90-94	A	63-66	C
85-89	A-	59-62	C-
80-84	B+	54-58	D+
76-79	B	50-53	D
72-75	B-	49 or lower	F

## COURSE CONVENTIONS

**Exam Policies:** You must provide advance notice to the instructor if you are 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 and 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 you have missed an exam for a legitimate reason, you 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 and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferred or make up exam. Deferred or make up exams will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

**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:** 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.

**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. Term 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.

## SOCI 355 ---- FALL 2009 --- TIMETABLE

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
1	Tu 8 Sept / Th 10 Sept	The study of population	Chap 1
2	Tu 15 Sept / Th 17 Sept	Population data	Chap 2
3	Tu 22 Sept / Th 24 Sept	Population trends	Chap 3
4	Tu 29 Sept Th 1 Oct	World population (video) No lecture: self-study <sup>1</sup>	
5	Tu 6 Oct Th 8 Oct	Population issues <b>Mid-term exam #1</b>	
6	Tu 13 Oct / Th 15 Oct	Age and sex structure	Chap 4
7	Tu 20 Oct / Th 22 Oct	Nuptiality	Chap 5
8	Tu 27 Oct / Th 29 Oct	Fertility	Chap 6
9	Tu 3 Nov Th 5 Nov	European policies (guest lecture) Demography and policies	Chap. 12
10	Tu 10 Nov Th 12 Nov	<b>Mid-term exam #2</b> Reading day / no lecture	
11	Tu 17 Nov / Th 19 Nov	Mortality and health	Chap 7
12	Tu 24 Nov Th 26 Nov	Alberta migration (guest lecture) European migration (video)	
13	Tu 1 Dec Th 3 Dec	Internal and international migration Urbanization and resources (incl. video)	Chap 8-9 Chap 10-11
14	Tu 8 Dec	Population and resources	Chap 11
	Date to be determined	<b>Final exam</b>	

Note: 1- Information will be given regarding the online material for self-study.