

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA  
Department of Sociology

**077.262 (L01) SOCIOLOGY OF AGING**

Fall 2003, 3 Cr. Hrs., Slot 10, Tuesday/Thursday, 1:00-2:15 p.m.  
Room 201 St John's College

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Thursday, 2:45-4:00  
or by appointment

**REQUIRED TEXT AND READINGS:**

- 1) Chappell, N., E. Gee, L. McDonald & M. Stones. (2003) *Aging in Contemporary Canada*. Toronto: Prentice Hall.
- 2) Other readings as assigned and placed on reserve in the St. John's College library.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The Undergraduate Calendar of the University of Manitoba describes 077.262 as: *An analysis of social and socio-cultural aspects of aging and old age. An orientation to social gerontology and an overview of the situation of the elderly in Canada.* Topics to be examined from a sociological perspective in this course include: demographic trends, theories of aging and research methods, health and health care issues, death and dying and ethical concerns, familial and friendship relationships in later life, recreation and leisure activities, and income, work and retirement patterns.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:**

Six objectives are specific to the sociology of aging:

- . Learn to apply sociological concepts and insights to the study of aging;
- . Gain knowledge about population and individual aging in the context of Canadian society;
- . Discover the social issues that population and individual aging raise;
- . Learn which proposals, options, and programs respond to population aging and which respond to individual aging;
- . Learn to see how population aging will affect your life and lives of your family and friends; and,
- . Learn creative, life-enhancing responses to the aging process.

There are also two general education objectives:

- . To encourage you to become a critical reader of both academic and non-academic sources; and,
- . To strengthen your critical, analytical thinking and writing skills by requiring you to formulate your own opinions about individual and population aging and to express these opinions in writing.

**Course Requirements:**

<b>In-Class Test #1,</b>	<b>Thursday, October 16</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>In-Class Test #2,</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 2</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Written Assignment</b>		
Outline	<b>Tuesday, October 28</b>	<b>5%</b>
Paper	<b>Thursday, November 20</b>	<b>20%</b>
References	<b>Oct.28 &amp; Nov. 20</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Group Work</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 23</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Thursday, November 6</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Group Evaluation</b>	<b>Thursday, November 13</b>	<b>5%</b>

The in-class tests will consist of multiple choice questions, **and** fill-in-the blank questions, **and** a choice of one essay question. You are responsible for all materials covered in lectures, assigned readings, handouts, guest lectures and films. There is no provision for "make-up" tests without official documentation. In the event of illness or family death, a doctor's note or copy of a death certificate will be required. Under no circumstances will early tests be given.

Detailed information on the written assignment is provided in a separate handout. An outline and list of references are due October 28. The final paper (with references) must be handed in at the **BEGINNING OF CLASS, Thursday, November 20. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in a reduction of one grade letter per day late.**

The format and requirements of the group work are provided in a separate handout.

The grade distribution for this course is as follows:

A+	90 - 100	B+	75 - 79	C+	65 - 69	D	50 - 59
A	80 - 89	B	70 - 74	C	60 - 64	F	<50

Students are reminded that the University of Manitoba strictly enforces its policy with respect to academic integrity. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism and cheating and examination impersonation found in the University Undergraduate Calendar, p. 29, sections 7.1 and 7.2..

The last date for voluntary withdrawal from the course without penalty is  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2003.**

**077.262: Sociology of Aging  
2003-2004, Schedule**

***Subject to Revision without Notification***

Thursday, Sept.4	Introduction	Tues. Oct 21	Chapter 9, Cognitive Competence
Tuesday, Sept . 9	Chapter 1, Population Aging	Thurs. Oct 23	Chapter 10, Health
Thurs. Sept 11	Chapter 2, Theory	<b>Tues. Oct 28</b>	Chapter 10, Health <b>Outline &amp; References due</b>
Tues. Sept 16	Chapter 2, Theory		
Thurs. Sept 18	Chapter 3, Knowledge Building	Thurs. Oct 30	Chapter 11, Families
<b>Tues. Sept 23</b>	<b>Group Work</b>	Tues. Nov 4	Chapter 12, Work and Retirement
Thurs. Sept 25	Chapter 4, Gender	Thurs. Nov 6	<b>Group Work</b>
Tues. Sept 30	Chapter 5, Cultural Context	<b>Tues. Nov 11</b>	<b>No class: Remembrance Day</b>
Thurs. Oct 2	Chapter 6, Attitudes	Thurs. Nov 13	Chapter 13, Social Support <b>Group Evaluation</b>
Tues. Oct 7	Chapter 7, Physical Competence		
Thurs. Oct 9	Chapter 8, Mental Well Being	Tues. Nov 18	Chapter 14, Pensions and Security
Tues. Oct 14	Review	Thurs. Nov 20	Chapter 15, Health Care <b>Final paper due</b>
<b>Thurs. Oct 16</b>	<b>Test #1</b>		
		Tues. Nov 25	Chapter 16, End of Life
		Thurs. Nov 27	Review
		<b>Tues. Dec 2</b>	<b>Test #2</b>