

Fall 2004

**Department of Sociology  
University of Manitoba**

**SOCIETY AND EDUCATION 077:373 L01  
TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9.30-10.20  
Room 312 Tier Building**

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We have spent close to fifteen years of our life in school and probably feel quite comfortable within this institution. The primary objective of this course is to critically examine this social environment we have taken for granted for so long so that we can better understand ourselves, this institution, and its relationship with society. In addition, with globalization, countries are drawing closer together. This development inevitably has an impact on education. Our next objective is to look at the educational changes resulting from these developments and how these changes are affecting our schools and ourselves.

In this course, we take a global perspective in our analysis of education but with a special focus on Canada. This course will be of interest to potential teachers, counselors, school administrators, and anyone interested in education.

**REQUIRED TEXT**

Steven Brint, Schools and Societies, Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press, 1998

The text takes a comparative perspective; readings on Canadian education will be put on reserve at Dafoe Library.

**ACADEMIC ETHICS**

All assignments have to be carried out individually unless otherwise stated. Students are reminded that plagiarism or any form of cheating on term papers or assignments are serious breaches of academic regulations and those found guilty are subject to serious academic penalty, including suspension or expulsion from the faculty or university. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's regulations on academic ethics, and in particular, the University's policy on 'Examinations: Personations' and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' found in the Undergraduate Calendar. The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are expected to attend class and read the assigned chapters/readings ahead of time so that they can participate intelligently in class discussions. In class assignments, presentations, and quizzes may be given to encourage students to attend class and do their required readings. **There will be no make-up assignments and no make-up quizzes for students who miss class.** Students will not get any credit for missed assignments or quizzes.

2. Students have to do a term paper on a topic approved by the professor. The proposal (about one typed page providing a brief summary of the arguments in the paper and at least six relevant references) is to be handed in on October 25 in class. The term paper should be about 6-8 double space typed pages. Students should use the referencing style in *Schools and Societies*. The term paper is to be handed in on November 15, in class. **No late assignment will be accepted.** Depending on the class size, students may be required to present their term papers in class.

3. There is no final examination. Instead three tests worth 20 percent each will be given. These tests are tentatively scheduled on October 8, November 10, and December 8. These dates are subject to change.

A student will be allowed to have a make-up test only if he/she misses the test for a legitimate reason (i.e., illness), informs the professor as soon as possible, and presents appropriate documentation, for example a medical certificate. A student who fails to make such a request within a week after the test will not be eligible for a make-up test and will get a zero for the test.

Tentative schedule for term paper and tests:\*

Test 1	October 8
Term paper proposal	October 25
Test 2	November 10
Term paper	November 15
Test 3	December 8

\*Other short assignments/quizzes will be assigned throughout the term.

Quizzes/assignments/ class participation/presentation	15 percent
Term paper	25 percent
Test 1	20 percent
Test 2	20 percent
Test 3	20 percent

The following letter/percentage scale will be used:

A+	90-100	Exceptional
A	80-89	Excellent
B+	76-79	Very good
B	70-75	Good
C+	66-69	Satisfactory
C	60-65	Adequate
D	50-59	Marginal
F	49 & below	Failure

November 17, 2004 is the last date for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty.