

**University of Manitoba  
Department of Sociology  
Introduction to Sociology 077.120  
2005-06 (6 Credit Hours)**

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**Course Description/Objectives**

We will undertake a systematic look at sociology as a distinctive discipline, with a focus on such areas of social life as culture, socialization, social stratification, gender, race and ethnicity, family, religion, population, and education. Students will acquire a basic understanding of society and social life and learn to appreciate the sociological perspective.

**Required Texts**

TEXT - Macionis, John J. and Linda M. Gerber. (2004). *Sociology, 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Edition*. Scarborough: Pearson Education Canada.

READER – Ravelli, Bruce. (2005). *Exploring Canadian Sociology*. Toronto: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

**Course Requirements**

1. *Term Tests #1, #2, and #3. Value: 30% each.* See Course Schedule for dates of these tests. Each test will be some combination of multiple choice questions and essay questions. Each test will cover readings from the texts, lectures, movies shown, and class discussions.
2. *Test #4. Value: 10%.* Details of the format for this exam to follow.  
\*\* Please note that all tests are non-cumulative.

**Letter Grade Assignments**

A+	94 and up	B	70 – 75.9	D	50 – 54.9
A	85 – 93.9	C+	65 – 69.9	F	0 – 49.9
B+	76 – 84.9	C	55 – 64.9		

## Course Policies

1. ***ALL course requirements must be completed in order to receive a passing grade in this course.***
2. Missed tests cannot be taken at a later date, unless a valid medical certificate is provided within 1 week of the scheduled test.
3. Students are responsible for all material presented in class and in the texts.
4. Students cheating on a test will receive a "0" for the test and the Dept. Head will be notified to determine if further action is warranted.
5. If a student wishes to withdraw from the course, it is their responsibility to do so. The deadline for Voluntary Withdrawal is March 16/06.
6. Although the chapters on the Course Schedule will be covered in the order that they appear, I may exceed, restrict, or omit individual sections to facilitate smoother course delivery.
7. Students with special needs (e.g., learning, hearing, sight, or physical) should discuss with me how I might make the learning environment more comfortable.
8. The university (and I) recognize and respect the right of all students to observe holidays of their faith, which fall within the academic year. Please notify me in advance of any such intended absence.
9. University of Manitoba Senate Policy #1307 requires "a post examination review of final grades in multi-sectioned courses that will ensure an equitable correspondence between grades and level of performance in all sections."
10. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on "Examinations: Personations" (p.26) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (p.27) found in the Undergraduate calendar. The Faculty of Arts reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites to detect plagiarism.

## Course Schedule

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Reader</u>
Sept. 8/9	Intro to Course		
Sept. 12	The Sociological Perspective	Ch. 1	Ch. 1, 2, 3
Sept. 19, 26	Sociological Investigation	Ch. 2	n/a
Oct. 3	Culture	Ch. 3	Ch. 5
<b><i>October 10<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day – no classes</i></b>			
October 11, 17	Socialization	Ch. 5	n/a
Oct. 24	<b>TEST #1 – Value 30%</b>		
Oct. 31	Social Interaction	Ch. 6	Ch.7,8
Nov. 7	Sexuality	Ch. 8	Ch. 10
<b><i>November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day – no classes</i></b>			
Nov. 14, 21	Deviance	Ch. 9	Ch. 9, 11
Nov. 28	Social Stratification	Ch. 10	n/a
Dec. 5	Social Class in Canada	Ch. 11	Ch. 13,14,15

***December 7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of class – Fall term***

Jan. 3	<b>Test #2 – Value: 30%</b>		
Jan. 9	Global Stratification	Ch. 12	Ch. 22, 23
Jan. 16,23	Gender Stratification	Ch. 13	Ch. 6
Jan. 30, Feb. 6	Race and Ethnicity	Ch. 14	Ch. 16

***Feb. 13 to 17<sup>th</sup> – Mid Term Break***

Feb. 20	Aging and the Elderly	Ch. 15	n/a
Feb. 27	Family	Ch. 18	Ch. 17
Mar. 6	Religion	Ch. 19	Ch. 19

Mar.13                                   **Test #3 – Value 30%**

***March 16 – Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline***

Mar. 20	Education	Ch. 20	Ch. 18
Mar. 27	Population, Urbanization and Environment	Ch. 22	Ch. 21

Apr. 3                                   **TEST #4 – Last day of Class**

***\* Classes end April 7th***