

University of Manitoba, Department of Sociology, 2006  
Course Outline SOCIOLOGY 077.239 L01 SOCIAL ORGANIZATION (3 cr. hrs.)  
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Required Textbooks:

Allahar and Cote, *Richer and Poorer*, 1998, Lorimer  
Perrow, *Complex Organizations*, 1984, McGraw-Hill  
Wright, *A Short History of Progress*, 2004, Anansi

This document along with course policies and details on grade calculations and assignments can be found on the internet. Go to the UM webpage > Current Students > WebCT > Login > 077.239 Social Organization. If you have no ID Click on Claim your ID

**COURSE GOALS**

The goals of this course are to provide students with an examination of organization as an influence and resource in their lives and an introductory level examination of the theory and practice of organization and reorganization: origin, development, modification, reform and termination of organization. Social organization is regarded as the major source of social ills (like tainted blood, mining fatalities, child poverty) and benefits (like the anti-personnel mines treaty, an anti-apartheid regime in South Africa, human rights legislation). At the same time, organization and reorganization are seen as the major corrective for social ills and the enhancement of social benefits. Instruction will focus on asking questions, problem solving, research and communication skills for the above topics.

**Evaluation**

Course Work	Value	Dates
A. Tests	40%	Feb 23, April 6
B. Required Assignments		
(Individual) organizational biography	10%	Date to be announced
(Group) Institution development	15%	Date to be announced
C. Selected Assignment (Group or individual)	25%	Due April 6 (Final meeting)
D. Classroom Participation	10%	Every class meeting

Required: Organizational history of an individual (10%)

Required: Development of institutions over the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (15%)

Select one of the following types of assignment (25%)

Term Paper	(Individual)
Organizational Audit	(Individual)
Start an organization	(Individual)
Organization tracking	(Group)
Institution tracking	(Group)
Nation tracking	(Group)
Commodity Assignment	(Group)

**Topic Calendar: Readings from the 3 textbooks will be assigned for each topic.**

Week	Topic	SHP	CO	RP
January				
3	What is social organization (SO)?	1	1	---
10	What are the levels of SO analysis	2	---	5
17	What are the theories of SO?	3		2
24	What are the theories of SO?	---	3, 5	---
31	What are the theories of SO?	---	6, 8	---

February				
7	What is the origin of SO?	1	---	1
13-17	-----Term Break-----			
21	What is the origin of SO?	---	2	4
28	Why and how does SO change	4	---	3

March				
7	Why and how does SO change	---	4	---
14	What is the present state of SO	---	---	6
21	What is the present state of SO			
28	What is the prognosis for future SO?	5	---	--

April				
4	What is the prognosis for future SO?	To be	Assigned	

Reading assignments on topics not covered in the textbooks will be announced from time to time. Reading material will be placed on reserve or put on the course web page.

*Student Responsibility and Academic Integrity*

If a test is missed for a legitimate medical reason the student must get in touch with the professor, present their medical certificate, and arrange for a make-up test. Under normal circumstances, the student is required to inform the professor of their request for a make-up test within one week of the original test date. Failure to request a make-up test within the expected time frame may result in ineligibility for a make-up test and a mark of zero for that test.

Cheating is a serious offense with grave consequences. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on academic ethics, i.e., cheating (see the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar).

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting to large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption may result in disbarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

Last day for Voluntary Withdrawal from course: March 17, 2006

The following numerical scores are used for averaging letter grades: A+=87, A=82, B+=77, B=72, C+=67, C=62, D=55. Grades are averaged upward if the score is less than .5 away from the next category. For example, a score of 79.50 would be graded as B+; a score of 79.51 would be graded as A.