

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
Social Problems - Sociology 2310 (A01)
Fall 2006 (3 Credit) 214 Tier Building

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Course Description/Objectives

Following the lead of the text, we will examine "how the social structure and culture of society contribute to social problems and their consequences" (p. xiii). We will learn to recognize that solutions cannot be effective if we don't fully understand the causes of a problem and acknowledge that our ultimate goal is not to solve any or all of society's problems in a few weeks. As such, we will learn to appreciate differing points of view.

Required Text

Mooney, Linda A. et al. (2004). *Understanding Social Problems*, 2nd Canadian Edition. Thomson Nelson.

Course Requirements

1. *2 Term Tests. Value: 30% each.* See Course Schedule for dates of these tests. Each test will be some combination of multiple choice questions, short answer questions and/or essay questions. Each test will cover readings from the texts, lectures, movies shown, and class discussions.
2. *Test #3. Value: 10%.* Last day of class.

**** Please note that all tests are non-cumulative.**

3. Presentation and Annotated Bibliography Assignment.
Total Value = 30%. Details to Follow.

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. ***The penalty for late papers is 10% for every 15 minutes or portion thereof.***
3. ***Referencing style to be used in this course is APA.***
4. Missed tests cannot be taken at a later date, unless a valid medical certificate is provided within 1 week of the scheduled test.
5. Students are responsible for all material presented in class and in the texts.
6. 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.
7. If a student wishes to withdraw from the course, it is their responsibility to do so. The deadline for Voluntary Withdrawal is November 15/06.
8. 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.
9. Students with special needs (e.g., learning, testing, hearing, sight, or physical) should discuss with me how I might make the learning environment more comfortable.
10. The university (and I) recognize and respect the right of all students to observe recognized holidays of their faith, which fall within the academic year. With instructor discretion, necessary arrangements can be made to ensure studies are not jeopardized. Please notify me 3 weeks in advance of any such intended absence where special arrangements are sought...
11. 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." Accordingly, the final grade distribution in this course may be raised or lowered to achieve this equity and, therefore, your final grade may be changed.
12. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on "Personation at Examinations" (Section 4.2.8) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (Section 7.1) 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 designed to detect plagiarism.
13. Disruptions due to excessive talking and late arrival or early departure 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.

Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sept. 8	Intro to Course	
Sept, 11, 13, 15	Thinking About Social problems	Chapter 1
Sept. 18, 20	Illness and Health Care	Chapter 2
Sept. 22	Presentations Organized – Attendance is Mandatory	
Sept 25, 27	Family Problems	Chapter 5
Sept. 29, Oct. 2	The Young and The Old	Chapter 6
Oct. 4, 6	Gender Inequality	Chapter 7
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving – No Classes	
Oct. 11, 13	TEST #1 Value: 30%	
Oct. 16, 18	Race & Ethnic Relations	Chapter 8
Oct. 20, 23	Sexual Orientation	Chapter 9
Oct. 25, 27	The Haves and The Have-Nots	Chapter 10
Oct. 30	Problems in Education	Chapter 12
Nov. 1, 3	Science and Technology	Chapter 13
Nov. 6, 8	TEST #2 Value: 30%	
Nov. 10	No Classes for Remembrance Day	
Nov. 15	Last Day for Voluntary Withdrawal	
<i>November 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, Dec. 1, 4</i>	CLASS PRESENTATIONS	
Dec. 6	TEST #3 VALUE: 10%	