

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
Regular Session (6 Credit Hours) 2008-2009

SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology A15

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Required Textbook

John Macionis & Linda Gerber (2009) *Sociology* (6th Canadian Edition). Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice Hall Allyn and Bacon Canada.

Course Objectives

The goals of this course are to introduce students to the ‘sociological imagination’ and to demonstrate how it helps us to understand ourselves and the wider social world of which we are a part. We will examine some central theoretical perspectives, sociological methods, and concepts to demonstrate the ever changing relationship between the individual and society. Throughout the course special emphasis will be placed on asking students to think critically about Canadian society, its institutions and even about everyday taken for granted situations.

Tests

Four in-class, non cumulative, tests will be given throughout the year. Tests will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions drawn from lectures, assigned chapters from the textbook, films shown in class and any handouts provided by the instructor. Test dates are listed under the course schedule. Students must be aware that missing a test will result in a grade of zero except under restricted circumstances. If a student is unable to take a test due to illness, the student must notify the instructor as soon as possible, present a signed medical certificate and arrange for a make-up test. Make-up tests *may* be granted for disability or compassionate reasons, at the full discretion of the instructor.

First Term

Test #1	20%
Test #2	30%

Second Term

Test #3	30%
Test #4	20%

Grades

Grades will be posted exclusively on the course's WebCT site. Students must consult the course website to learn their grades.

In general, the following letter/percentage grading scale will be used. However, these are guidelines only, and different percentage cut-offs may be used depending on the final grade distribution.

Total Percentage	Letter Grade	Description
90-100	A+	Exceptional
80-89	A	Excellent
75-79	B+	Very Good
70-74	B	Good
65-69	C+	Satisfactory
60-64	C	Adequate
50-59	D	Marginal
0-49	F	Failure

Please note that the *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.

WebCT

This course will have a companion website which can be reached at the following link:

<http://www.umanitoba.ca/webct>

If you are having problems logging into the course, visit the Accounts Office in E3-637 at the Engineering and Information Technology Complex, contact the support desk by phone at 474-8600, or email support@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Academic Integrity

Students are reminded that the University of Manitoba strictly enforces its policy with respect to academic dishonesty. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'plagiarism and cheating' and 'examination impersonation' found in the University Undergraduate Calendar (section 4.2.8 and section 7.1). Any student cheating on a test will receive a grade of zero and an 'F' for the course.

Class Conduct

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. Cell phones must be turned off.

Withdrawal

The last day for voluntary withdrawal from this full year course without academic penalty is:
March 19, 2009.

Tentative Course Schedule

Dates	Topic	Readings
Sept. 4	Introduction to class & review of course outline	
Sept. 9-11	Sociological Perspective	Ch. 1
Sept. 16-23	Sociological Investigation	Ch. 2
Sept. 25-Oct. 2	Culture	Ch. 3
Oct. 7-14	Society	Ch. 4
Oct. 16	TEST #1	
Oct. 21-28	Socialization	Ch. 5
Oct. 30-Nov. 4	Social Interaction	Ch. 6
Nov. 6-18	Deviance	Ch. 9
Nov. 20-25	Groups and Organizations	Ch. 7
Nov. 27	Sexuality	Ch. 8
Dec. 2	TEST #2	
Jan. 6-13	Social Stratification	Ch. 10
Jan. 15-20	Global Stratification	Ch. 12
Jan. 22-29	Gender Stratification	Ch. 13
Feb. 3-10	Economy and Work	Ch. 16
Feb. 16-20	Reading Week NO CLASS	
Feb. 24-Mar.3	Family	Ch. 18
Mar. 5	TEST #3	
March 10-17	Race and Ethnicity	Ch. 14
March 19-24	Health	Ch. 21
March 26-31	Collective Behaviour	Ch. 23
April 2-7	Social Change	Ch. 24
April 9	TEST #4	