



**University of Manitoba**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Sociology and Criminology**

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**COURSE DETAILS**

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<b>Course Title &amp; Number:</b>	SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology (A14); CRN 58562
<b>Number of Credit Hours:</b>	6
<b>Class Times &amp; Days of Week:</b>	Tuesdays/Thursdays 8:30-11:15, Winter 2020.
<b>Location for classes:</b>	Room 200A Robson Hall
<b>Pre-Requisites:</b>	None

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**Instructor Contact Information**

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<b>Instructor(s) Name:</b>	Karen Kampen
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<b>Office Hours or Availability:</b>	Tuesdays/Thursdays 11:30-12:30 or by appointment during weeks in which classes are in session. Please feel welcome to stop by my office any time that I am there.
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<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:Karen.kampen@umanitoba.ca">Karen.kampen@umanitoba.ca</a> . Please be reminded that all email communication must conform to the <a href="#">Communicating with Students</a> university policy.
<b>Contact:</b>	Emails and phone messages will normally be answered within 24 hours from Monday-Friday. Also note that if there is a <a href="#">Teaching Assistant</a> for this course, please consult <a href="#">UMLearn</a> for his or her contact details and more information about his/her role in the course. TAs are wonderful sources of extra support, and please consider them to be an important element of your learning experience.

## General Course Information

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Sociology is the systematic study of human society, in its constantly changing forms. This means that sociologists study various aspects of social life, such as groups, institutions, cultures, and relationships. In order to give you a broad familiarity with sociology, various disciplinary fields will be covered, such as the family and deviance. Students will be introduced to the core concepts, theories and methods of the discipline, and shown how these can be used to gain an understanding of the major issues facing societies and individuals today.

Class format will include thematic lectures based upon key sociological concepts in your readings, occasional films, small in-class exercises, and (tentatively) guest speakers.

Studying sociology helps us to acquire critical thinking skills and a broadened intellectual horizon that are not only useful in any career, but enhance our lives in general. I had an enormous amount of fun creating our course material, and I hope that you look forward to this year as much as I do.

## Course Description

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*From the U of M Course Catalogue:* SOC 1200 - Introduction to Sociology (Formerly 077.120) A systematic introduction to the scientific perspective of sociology. The following areas will be treated: culture, socialization, groups, social stratification, associations, collective behaviour, and urban and political institutions. Students may not hold credit for SOC 1200 (077.120) and any of: SOC 1211 (077.121) or SOC 1221 (077.122) or the former SOC 1201 (077.120).

## Course Objectives

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- \* Learn to apply the major concepts used in sociology (e.g. norms, values) to everyday life
- \* Understand the differences among the major sociological paradigms (structural functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism) and how each of them provides a framework for understanding society
- \* Become more aware of the major social issues facing Canadian society today
- \* Gain a greater understanding of your own place in society, how you arrived where you are within our social structure, and think about where your life is likely to be headed in the future

## Required Textbook

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Brym, Robert, Lance W. Roberts, and Lisa Strohschein (2019). *Sociology: Compass for a New World*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. The textbook itself is required. It can be purchased with or without MindTap, an online set of supplementary materials (like practice test questions) that are not required but are highly recommended for study purposes. Here are your purchase options in that regard:

**Option 1:** Textbook in either paperback or digital format, including MindTap (**this is the recommended option**):

*Paperback format:*

ISBN: 9780176863616

U of M Bookstore Cost: \$149.95 (new); check Bookstore for pricing/availability of used copies

*E-book format:*

ISBN: 9780176850548

U of M Bookstore Cost: \$100.50

**Option 2:** Textbook in paperback format, excluding MindTap:

ISBN: 9780176849696

U of M Bookstore Cost: \$129.95 (new); \$97.46 (used)

Registration details for MindTap access will be provided on UMLearn.

## Class Communication

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## Expectations: You Can Expect Me To

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- \* Comply with the university's [Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy](#), for example by welcoming diverse points of view during class discussions
- \* Provide in-class material that is not merely reciting the textbook, but expands upon/applies it with original, powerful examples that you will not soon forget
- \* Make attending class worthwhile; for example, key material will be discussed in class and/or written on a board, rather than merely posted online
- \* Try to make the classroom experience as interactive and dynamic as possible, in part by using things like hands-on exercises, classroom polls, and guest speakers if available

## Expectations: I Expect You To

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- \* Attend every class and remain for its duration (please notify me if you need to leave early)
- \* Do the required readings prior to class
- \* Comply with the university's [Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy](#). This also not only means being respectful when others speak up or ask questions. It also means refraining from things that distract fellow students and/or violate privacy and copyright, including:
  - Any form of audio or video recording
  - Taking photographs
  - Using electronic devices (except for the purpose of note-taking and i-Clicker)

In order to address the growing number of students who are frustrated by such distractions from classmates, students might be called upon in class or asked to leave if they engage in such behaviours. I'm here to support you in your learning experience, so don't hesitate to let me know if these sorts of problems arise and I'll do my best to fix them.

## Course Technology

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It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Students can use all technology in classroom setting only for educational purposes approved by instructor and/or the University of Manitoba Accessibility Services. Students should not participate in personal direct electronic messaging / posting activities (e-mail, texting, video or voice chat, wikis, blogs, social networking (e.g. Facebook) online and offline "gaming" during scheduled class time. If student is on call (emergency) the student should switch his/her cell phone on vibrate mode and leave the classroom before using it.

This course will have a companion website on the University of Manitoba's online learning system UMLearn. You can access it by going to the U of M homepage and select the "UMLearn" link on the top right of the page. There you will find:

- \* Skeleton lecture notes (meaning some portions of class PowerPoint slides)
- \* Handouts for use in class; please **print** out a copy and bring it to class, unless you want to access it electronically during class
- \* Practice materials for tests, where available; please remember that textbook-based study questions are under copyright of Nelson Inc., so you will need to purchase a version that includes MindTap in order to access your textbook's study questions
- \* Test marks

## Course Evaluation Methods

**Term Tests (74%):** There will be four term tests, based upon a combination of multiple choice, true/false, or short-answer questions drawn from any material presented in class such as lectures, exercises, films, and/or guest speakers. Each test is based upon the required textbook and class material covered since the previous test. While tests are not cumulative per se, they rest upon core concepts and principles learned in earlier parts of the course. Further details about each test will be provided in class. The first three tests will be written in our usual classroom, while the fourth one will be in a Final Examination room (TBA – please check Aurora for date, time, and location). Each in-class test begins at the start of class and normally lasts a maximum of 90 minutes; any remaining classroom time will be spent working on our course assignment or other activities as needed.

**Applying the Sociological Imagination (20%):** Students will complete a written assignment that requires them to apply essential sociological concepts acquired in the course. You will have the option of completing the assignment entirely on your own, or collaborating on a group assignment (in which case a single assignment is completed by the group and everyone in the group receives the same mark for it.) Groups can be up to a maximum of 4 people. Details to be provided in class. It is due by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of classes (April 7, 2020) on UMLearn Dropbox in MS Word or PDF format. If working in a group, all group members should submit a copy of the assignment.

**In-class participation (6%):** During selected classes, you will be asked to respond to questions using the i-Clicker Cloud classroom response system that is available free of extra charge to all U of M students. If you do not have access to an Internet-enabled device, iClicker response units can be purchased at the U of M Bookstore. You only need to answer the question in class to get credit for it, regardless of whether or not you answered correctly. The dates and times of i-Clicker will be determined spontaneously according to instructional needs. It's the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of any score inaccuracies or technical problems (such as dead batteries or a forgotten device) before the end of class, so that they can be adjusted for you if warranted. If you do not have access to a mobile device capable of connecting to the Internet, please let me know so that we can arrange a suitable alternative. You will be allotted a rate of 10% unanswered questions without penalty, to allow for the occasional absence.

Assessment Tool	Date and Materials	Value of Final Grade
Test #1	(Ch. 1,2,3,4); <b>January 23, 2020</b>	18%
Test #2	(Ch. 5,6,7); <b>February 13, 2020</b>	18%
Test #3	(Ch. 8,9,10,11 ); <b>March 17, 2020</b>	18%
Test #4	(Ch. 14*,15,16,19,20); <b>Date TBA (see Final Exam Schedule)</b> * Not tested directly on the optional Ch. 14 readings, only on its relevant classroom material	20%
Assignment	<b>April 7, 2020</b>	20%
Class Participation	Throughout the course (selected days as needed)	6%

## Grading

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The following grading distribution will be applied in this course.

Letter Grade	Percentage out of 100	Grade Point Range	Final Grade Point
A+	90-100	4.25-4.5	4.5
A	80-89	3.75-4.24	4.0
B+	76-79	3.25-3.74	3.5
B	70-75	2.75-3.24	3.0
C+	65-69	2.25-2.74	2.5
C	60-64	2.0-2.24	2.0
D	50-59	Less than 2.0	1.0
F	Less than 50		0

*Note:* In accordance with University and Faculty of Arts policies and the *University of Manitoba Senate Policy #1307*, departments and programs are required to utilize a final grades review and approval process of multi-sectioned undergraduate courses *before* course grades are rolled into Aurora Student. 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. At the discretion of a Department's Council, the Faculty of Arts policy states that there may also be a review and approval of proposed final grades of other undergraduate courses.

## Grading Times and Feedback

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Test marks are normally available within a week on UMLearn. Students are welcome to keep their "bubble sheets" but the instructor will remain in possession of the test questions. You will be provided with an answer key to view in our Teaching Assistant's office.

Note: Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. At the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

## Academic Integrity

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\* Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating, or exam personation, ("**Personation at Examinations**" (Section 5.2.9) and "**Plagiarism and Cheating**" (Section 8.1)) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at [http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student\\_resources/student\\_responsibilities\\_integrity.html](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.html). Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

## **Missed Tests, Assignments, and Classes**

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The Undergraduate Calendar states that “regular attendance is expected of all students in all courses”. Note that “an instructor may initiate procedures to debar a student where unexcused absences exceed those permitted. Students so disbarred will have failed the course.”

Students who miss a test will have the option of a makeup test during the April Final Exam Period on a date after the fourth test has been completed; the date, time, and location will be determined after the Final Exam Schedule has been announced. Questions may be comprised of a series of open-ended, essay, and/or multiple choice and true/false questions based upon the material from that term. Supporting documentation is required, such as a Dr. note or death certificate. Students who miss a second test will be asked to apply for an Authorized Withdrawal.

[Late assignments are accepted, but are subject to a 10% per day penalty, unless a student can provide the types of supporting documentation outlined above.](#)

The university recognizes 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. The instructor should be notified of a student’s intended absence in advance and at least three weeks’ notice of absence should normally be given where special arrangements are sought.

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## Class Schedule

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Material covered in class is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor and/or based on the learning needs of the students. Test dates are fixed but we'll "go with the flow" in terms of needing more or less time for some topics, as well as time for our assignment.

Date (week of)	Classroom Material	Readings (Required unless otherwise stated below)
January 7,9	Sociological Perspectives & Research Methods	Chapters 1 & 2
January 14, 16	Research Methods (cont'd) & Culture	Chapter 3
January 21, 23	Socialization & Sexuality; <b>Test #1</b>	Chapter 4
January 28, 30	Social Interaction; Networks & Groups	Chapters 5 & 6
February 4, 6	Deviance and Crime	Chapter 7
February 11, 13	Deviance and Crime (Cont'd.) & <b>Test #2</b>	No new readings
February 18, 20	<b>No classes (Winter Break)</b>	No new readings
February 25, 27	Social Stratification & Global Inequality	Chapters 8 & 9
March 3, 5	Race & Ethnicity	Chapter 10
March 10, 12	Gender Stratification	Chapter 11
March 17, 19	<b>Test #3</b> & Politics/Government	Chapter 14 (optional)
March 24, 26	Families & Religion	Chapters 15 & 16
March 31, April 2	Health & Medicine	Chapter 19
April 7	Population & Environment; Course Wrap-up	Chapter 20
TBA (Final Exam Period)	<b>Test #4</b>	No new readings

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Note: The 100% fee refund deadline is **February 4, 2020**. The Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) deadline is **March 18, 2020**.