

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
Department of Sociology
Fall/Winter 2008-09

SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology (6 credit hours)

Section A17, Tuesday/Thursday, Slot 14: 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Room 308 Tier Building

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PLEASE READ THE COURSE OUTLINE CAREFULLY

CONTENT AND PURPOSES:

This course provides an introduction to the study of society and to the discipline of Sociology. It is designed as a survey of the field and will examine the theoretical perspectives that inform sociological inquiry, research methods as well as the social institutions, relations and practices that make social life possible and intelligible.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Henslin, J.M., D. Glenday, A. Duffy, and N. Pupo. *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* (4th Canadian edition). Pearson, Toronto: 2006.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The final grade for the course will be based on FIVE (5) equally weighted in-class term tests which have been scheduled as follows:

- 1) Term test 1 (20%): October 9, 2008
- 2) Term test 2 (20%): November 20, 2008
- 3) Term test 3 (20%): January 22, 2009
- 4) Term test 4 (20%): March 5, 2009
- 5) Term test 5 (20%): April 9, 2009

The in-class term tests will be based on readings and lectures and will involve multiple choice, true/false and short answer questions.

Please note that the above schedule will be strictly adhered to and no provisions have been made for make-up tests. Requests for special consideration must be made well in advance and/or supported by appropriate documentation. If a make-up test is approved, students must attend at the time scheduled by the instructor. **It is the student's responsibility to contact the Instructor to report a missed test within one week.**

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on Academic dishonesty, including "Examinations: Personations" (section 4.2.8) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (section 7.1) found in the Undergraduate Calendar. See also important information regarding appeals (section 5.1-5.3).

As indicated in the University calendar on pp28, Students are expected to attend class and are strongly encouraged to complete the readings in advance of the lectures so that any problems, concerns or points of interest can be raised for discussion in class. Participation in class discussions is welcomed and encouraged.

FINAL DATE FOR VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL: MARCH 19, 2009.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

A+ 95 - 100 B+ 80 - 85 C+ 65 - 71 D 50 - 59
 A 86 - 94 B 72 - 79 C 60 - 64 F < 50

IMPORTANT NOTE: 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.

DISRUPTIONS: On the issue of politeness, please note that disturbances due to talking or early departures from the classroom are disruptive. 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 the class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class. **It should also be noted that lap top computers may only be used for the purpose of taking notes; any other uses will result in this privilege being withdrawn. Cell phones are to be turned off during class, and text messaging is strictly prohibited.**

CLASS SCHEDULE:

**Please note that this is a tentative schedule providing a guide to the topics and approximate timelines. Accordingly, the schedule may be modified as we proceed. Any changes will be discussed in class in order to ensure that the reading requirements for term tests are clearly specified in advance. As noted above, "attendance is expected of all students"(U of M Undergrad Calendar, pp 28).

Week of:

September 4: Introduction and overview of the course

September 8: Sociological Basics
Readings: Henslin, chapters 1 and 2

September 22: Understanding Social Life
Readings: Henslin, chapters 3 – 5

October 9: Term test 1 in-class (20%)

October 13: Social Inequality
Readings: Henslin, chapters 6 –9.

November 20: Term test 2 in-class (20%)

November 24: Social Institutions I
Readings: Henslin, chapters 10 - 12

First term ends December 3, 2008

January 5: Social Institutions I continued from first term
Readings: Henslin, chapters 10 – 12

January 22: Term test 3 in-class (20%)

January 26: Social Institution II
Readings: Henslin, chapters 13 - 15

February 16 – 20, 2009: Mid-term break

March 5: Term test 4 in-class (20%)

March 9: Social Change
Readings: Henslin, chapters 16 - 18

April 9: Term test 5 in-class (20%)