

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA  
Department of Sociology  
Fall/Winter 2017-18

**SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology A01** (6 credit hours F/W) CRN: 10583/50521  
MWF 9:30-10:20 a.m. in Room 231 Isbister

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**PLEASE READ THE COURSE OUTLINE CAREFULLY**

**CONTENT AND PURPOSES:**

This course provides a critical 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:**

Tepperman, Lorne. *Starting Points: A Sociological Journey*. (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Oxford University Press, Don Mills: 2015.

Additional materials will be assigned throughout the course, such as videos, newspaper editorials and so on. Regular attendance will ensure you do not miss any of these assignments as this material will be included on term tests.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

The final grade for the course will be based on the following requirements:

- 1) Term test 1 (20%): October 20, 2017.
- 2) Term test 2 (20%): December 8, 2017.
- 3) Group take home assignment (20%): January 26, 2018
- 4) Term test 4 (20%): February 16, 2018.
- 5) Term test 5 (20%): April 6, 2018.

The four (4) in-class term tests will be based on readings, lectures, and other assigned materials and will be comprised of multiple choice and true/false items. **There are four (4) term tests and no final examination in this course.** The take home assignment will be detailed in a separate handout which will provide several options. Test results

should be available 2 weeks after the test date. The take home assignments will be returned in 4 – 6 weeks after the due date.

Please note that the above schedule will be strictly adhered to and no provisions have been made for make-up tests or time extensions. **University of Manitoba policy specifies that travel is NOT a legitimate reason for missed tests or late assignments and such requests will be denied. BE SURE TO ENTER THE TEST AND DUE DATES INTO YOUR SCHEDULE TODAY! DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE CLASS SCHEDULE.**

ANY requests for special consideration must be 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 two days or a grade of zero will be assigned. Late submissions of the take home assignment will be penalized 5 points per day, including weekends.**

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating and 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://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student\\_resources/student\\_responsibilities\\_integrity.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.html) Please note that ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

As indicated in the University calendar, students are expected to attend class. You will have difficulty with this course if you do not attend class regularly. Students 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 not only welcomed and encouraged, it is EXPECTED.

**The final date for VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL is January 16, 2018. The date for full refund is September 20, 2017. Students will receive feedback for 40% of the final grade by January 16, 2018.**

**GRADE DISTRIBUTION (tentative):**

A+ 90 - 100	B+ 76 - 79	C+ 66 - 69	D 50 - 59
A 80 - 89	B 70 - 75	C 60 - 65	F < 50

**IMPORTANT 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 courses **before** 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.

**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 as indicated in UM policies regarding student conduct. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving the class early or arriving late should inform the instructor.

**It should also be noted that lap top computers ARE NOT permitted in class. Medical documentation considered acceptable to the University of Manitoba may result in an exception to this policy, with specific restrictions. Cell phones are to be turned off during class, and text messaging is strictly prohibited.** You will be excused from the class if you refuse to comply with these restrictions.

**PEDAGOGY AND PROCESS:** Students are expected to be active participants in the teaching and learning process – you are responsible for all the readings assigned in the course text as well as additional sources, such as films and videos, newspaper articles and so on. My teaching style is non-traditional or Socratic and students should be prepared to engage in critical class discussions. Strictly speaking, I DO NOT lecture the textbook. Instead, the expectation is that readings have been completed and that students can respond to questions and issues raised for consideration.

This document, the course syllabus, has most, if not all the information you need to successfully complete this course. You are strongly encouraged to review the outline for the answers to questions you might have and certainly before you email me or the TAs. Do feel free to attend my office hours and/or email me to discuss questions and concerns that are not addressed in the syllabus.

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 the property of the Faculty of Arts and destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

There is a wealth of supports and services available for students at the University of Manitoba and all of you are encouraged to avail yourselves of the benefits of this assistance if and when required. An extensive list of these programs and services are appended to this syllabus.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**\*\*Please note that this is a tentative schedule** providing a guide to the topics and approximate timelines and 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.

**Week of:**

Sept 8: Introduction and overview of the course

Sept 11 - 22: Sociological Basics  
**Readings:** Tepperman chapters 1 and 2

Sept 25-Oct 18: The Social World: Population and Social Structures  
**Readings:** Tepperman, chapters 3 and 4

**October 5 and 6: no classes Fall midterm break**  
**Monday, October 9: Thanksgiving Day no classes**

Oct 23- Dec 6: Core Concepts/Critical Issues  
**Readings:** Tepperman, chapters 5 - 9

**Monday, November 13: no classes for observance of Remembrance Day**

**December 8: Fall Term ends**

Jan: 3 - Feb 14: Social Analysis: Race, Gender and Class  
**Readings:** Tepperman, chapters 10 – 12

**February 19 - 23: no classes Reading Week**  
**March 30: Good Friday no classes**

Feb 26 – Apr 6: Religion, Politics and Social Movements  
**Readings:** Tepperman, chapter 13-15

**April 6: Winter term ends**