

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
Department of Sociology
Spring Day: May, 2 - June 21, 2011.

SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology A01 (6 credit hours)
Monday - Friday 8:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 306 Tier

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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* (5th Canadian edition). Pearson, Toronto: 2009.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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

- 1) Term test 1 (20%): May 13, 2011.
- 3) Term test 2 (20%): May 25, 2011.
- 4) Term test 3 (20%): June 10, 2011.
- 5) Term test 4 (20%): June 21, 2011.
- 6) Take home assignment (20%): due in-class June 13, 2011.

The in-class term tests will be based on readings and lectures and will involve multiple choice and true/false items. The take home assignment is detailed in a separate handout attached to this course outline.

Please note that the above schedule will be strictly adhered to and no provisions have been made for make-up tests or time extensions. 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 two days.**

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 pp 28, 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: June 9, 2011.

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. You will be excused from the class if you refuse to comply with this restriction on texting.

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).

Please note there will no classes during the examination period which includes: May 26, 27 and 28.

Week of:

May 2: Introduction and overview of the course

May 3 - 6: Sociological Basics
Readings: Henslin, chapters 1 and 2

May 9-12: Understanding Social Life
Readings: Henslin, chapters 3 – 5

May 13: Term test 1 in-class (20%)

May 16 - 24: Social Inequality
Readings: Henslin, chapters 6 –9.

May 23: No classes: Victoria Day

May 25: Term test 2 in-class (20%)

May 26, 27 and 28: Examination Period/no classes

May 30 - June 9: Social Institutions I
Readings: Henslin, chapters 10 - 15

June 10: Term test 3 in-class (20%)

June 13: Take home assignment due in-class

June 15 - 20: Social Change
Readings: Henslin, chapters 16 - 18

June 21: Term test 4 in-class (20%)