

Introduction to Sociology
SOC 1200-A07
The University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology and Criminology
Fall/winter 2019-2020 (6 credit hours)

Time: 2:30 – 3:45 PM Tuesday & Thursday
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Course Description

This course will introduce students to the study of society and the discipline of Sociology. In this course students will develop their sociological imagination and understand the broader social context of our experiences. Sociology tells us how and why certain ideas are taken for granted and become popular and dominant during different social, economic, and historical time periods.

This course will provide a diverse survey of the field of Sociology. You will learn about major concepts, theories, and methods of sociological analysis. In the first part of this course you will begin to understand what sociology is, and how researchers engage in sociological study. Throughout the year, we will examine a range of topics including culture, crime and deviance, inequality, racism and ethnicity, religion, aging, and education. The goal of this course is to develop your critical thinking skills.

Required Textbook

Giddens, Anthony; Duneier, Mitchell; Appelbaum, Richard P.; Carr, Deborah. (2018). *Introduction to Sociology*. W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. Eleventh Edition.

Additional readings will be assigned throughout the course and posted on UM Learn.

Evaluation

Your final grade will be comprised of four in-class tests and class participation (written reflection) assignments.

Tests (80%)

There will be four in-class tests. These tests will be 70 multiple choice questions. In-class tests will be during your class time (2:30-3:45 PM). You will need to have a pencil and your student photo ID to hand in your test. All tests and exams will take place in the classroom. No additional material will be permitted during exams (cell-phones, calculators, books, etc.). All exam

booklets will need to be returned at the end of the test. Tests will be based on lectures, readings and other assigned materials. Test grades will be posted on UMLearn within two weeks.

Class Participation (20%)

Your attendance to class is crucial to your success in this course. In addition to your regular attendance in this course, class participation will involve four in-class assignments. Four times throughout the year, you will be asked to write a short reflection (1-2 pages) on a topic we have covered and/or a video we watch, and hand it back by the end of the class. These reflections will demonstrate your ability to apply concepts to examples. Each reflection is worth 5%. If you are absent or miss one of the participation reflections, there will not be a makeup assignment provided.

EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Test 1	October 24, 2019	20%
Test 2	December 5, 2019	20%
Test 3	February 13, 2020	20%
Test 4	April 7, 2020	20%
Class participation	Ongoing	20%

Grading Scale

A+	=	90 – 100	C+	=	65 – 69.9
A	=	80 – 89.9	C	=	55 – 64.9
B+	=	75 – 79.9	D	=	50 – 54.9
B	=	70 – 74.9	F	=	0 – 49.9

Class communication

The instructor's email account (see page 1) will be used for any contact. I will respond to your emails within two business days. Please use your personal umanitoba email account when you send any emails.

Additional readings and course related announcements will be posted on UM Learn.

Expectations

Regular attendance is expected in this course. Material covered in lectures, in-class discussions, handouts, and films will be on the tests and exams.

Come to class prepared – having read the assigned readings and with your notetaking material. Always bring a paper and pen/pencil, you never know when you may need it.

I expect you to arrive to class on-time and stay the duration of the class. Arriving late or leaving early disrupts other students. Please be respectful and considerate of other students in the class. I will arrive to class on time and expect the same in return.

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 ARE TO BE TURNED OFF DURING CLASS. Texting is prohibited during class. You will be excused from class if you do not comply with this restriction.

IMPORTANT DATES

Voluntary Withdrawal date, without academic penalty: January 17, 2020.

**Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund. Check the University of Manitoba website for withdrawal schedule.

Fall term break: November 12-15, 2019

Winter term break: February 18-21, 2020

No classes

October 14, 2019: Thanksgiving

November 11, 2019: Remembrance Day

November 12-15, 2019: fall term break

Dec 21, 2019 – January 1, 2020: University closed

February 17, 2020: Louis Riel Day

February 18-21, 2020: Winter term break

Schedule of Topics

Date	Topic	Reading
September 5 th	Introduction, syllabus	
September 10, 12	Sociological imagination	Chapter 1
September 17, 19	Theories and theoretical approaches	Chapter 1
September 24, 26	The research process	Chapter 2
October 1, 3	Culture and society	Chapter 3
October 8, 10	Culture and society	Chapter 3
October 15, 17	Socialization and the life course	Chapter 4
October 22	Test #1 (chapters 1, 2 3, 4)	
October 24, 29	Social interaction	Chapter 5
October 31 – November 5	Groups, networks, and organizations	Chapter 6
November 7	Conformity, deviance, crime	Chapter 7
November 11 – 15	NO CLASSES Fall term break	
November 19, 21	Conformity, deviance, crime	Chapter 7
November 26, 28	Stratification, class, and inequality	Chapter 8
December 3 rd	Stratification, class, and inequality	Chapter 8
December 5 th	Test #2 (chapters 5, 6, 7, 8)	

Second term

January 7, 9	Gender inequality	Chapter 10
January 14, 16	Gender inequality	Chapter 10
January 21, 23	Race, ethnicity, and racism	Chapter 11
January 28, 30	Race, ethnicity, and racism	Chapter 11
February 4, 6	Aging	Chapter 12
February 11	Government, political power, and social movements	Chapter 13
February 13	Test #3 (chapters 10, 11, 12, 13)	
February 17 – 23	NO CLASSES Winter term break	

February 25, 27	Families and intimate relationships	Chapter 15
March 3, 5	Education	Chapter 16
March 10, 12	Religion in modern society	Chapter 17
March 17, 19	Sociology of the body: health, illness and sexuality	Chapter 18
March 24, 26	Sociology of the body: health, illness and sexuality	Chapter 18
March 31, April 2	Globalization in the changing world	Chapter 20
April 7 th	Test 4 (chapters 15, 16, 17, 18, 20)	

**Note: contents of this course are subject to change. All topics listed may not be covered.

When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, instructors will make every effort to inform students via umanitoba email (and/or using the preferred form of communication, as designated in this outline), as well as the Departmental Assistant and Chair/Dean so that class cancellation forms can be posted outside classrooms.

Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their umanitoba e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the university and/or their course instructors. If class is cancelled, a notice will be posted on UM Learn.

Makeup tests

Extensions/make-ups regarding writing a test will only be allowed if there is a legitimate reason for the absence. Only authorized university excuses will be considered acceptable grounds for an extension. This includes only documented illnesses and unanticipated family emergencies.

Appropriate documentation must be provided before any alternate arrangements regarding assignments or tests will be considered. The documentation must specify the duration of your illness/incapacitation. If a test is missed, barring exceptional circumstances, the student must notify the instructor via e-mail within 24 hours after the missed test if they have a legitimate reason for missing it and wish to write a make-up. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero for the missed test.

Remember that missed tests must be made up as soon as possible. *If you are granted an extension on writing a test and we are corresponding through e-mail to arrange an alternate writing date, you must respond to my e-mails regarding the rewrite within 24 hours or you will not be granted the rewrite.* You cannot delay scheduling a re-write by delaying/failing to respond to e-mails.

Trips and vacation travel plans do not constitute a legitimate excuse for missing a test or due date, no matter when they were planned or how much notice you give. No extensions or accommodations will be granted if you have travel plans that conflict with a due date or testing date.

Once a test is written or an assignment is handed in, the grade will stand. Rewrites will not be granted, even if you have a legitimate reason and documentation for which I would have granted you an extension.

You will need to notify the instructor two weeks in advance if there are any exam schedule conflicts or religious holidays. A list of religious holidays can be found in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

Academic Misconduct and Academic integrity

Academic dishonesty: Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating, 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.

Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

- *The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is **suspected of being plagiarized** to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.*
- *The minimum penalty for plagiarism on a written assignment is F on the paper and may result in and F-DISC (discipline) in the course. This notation appears on the student's transcript. For repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of up to 1 year.*

- The minimum penalty for academic dishonesty in a test or final examination is F for the test/examination and an F-DISC (discipline) in the course plus a suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of one year. The F grade and disciplinary notation appears on the student's transcript. For repeat violations, the penalty may include suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of up to 5 years

Students shall not commit acts of academic misconduct. Academic misconduct includes any of the following:

Plagiarism, cheating, improper research/academic practices, obstruction of the academic activities of another, impersonation, falsification or unauthorized modification of an academic - Record, and aiding and abetting academic misconduct

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which students present published or unpublished work (written, digital, or other) of another person or persons, or one's own prior work, in its entirety or in part, as their own original work.

For "Avoiding Plagiarism" watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvFdxRU9a8g>

Non-academic misconduct

The University must be a community in which there is freedom to learn, to teach, to create and to engage in research without fear of retaliation or intimidation and without threat to person or property. Students have a responsibility to act in a fair and reasonable manner in their interactions with their peers, faculty, staff and administration and in their use of campus property. This policy is rooted in the concept of collegiality.

This is a scent-free classroom. Scented products affect other people in the class and may trigger allergies, migraines, or otherwise.

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn, and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination.

The University recognizes the right of all students to observe recognized **holidays of their faith**, which fall within the academic year.

Student Accessibility Services

Students with **special learning needs** (who for legitimate reasons require extra time to write a test, or who require aids or other supports) should identify themselves to the instructor at the beginning of the term in order to arrange suitable accommodation.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/accessibility>

student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca

Unclaimed term work disposal: 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.