

**University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
Introduction to Sociology 1200 – A01
2008-09 (6 Credit)**

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Course Description/Objectives

We will undertake a systematic look at sociology as a distinctive discipline, with a focus on such areas of social life as culture, socialization, social stratification, gender, race and ethnicity, family, religion, population, and education. Students will acquire a basic understanding of society and social life and learn to appreciate the sociological perspective.

Required Text

Macionis, John J. and Linda M. Gerber. (2008). *Sociology, 6th Canadian Edition*. Scarborough: Pearson Education Canada.

Course Requirements

1. *Term Tests #1, #2, and #3. Value: 25% each.* See Course Schedule for dates of these tests. Each test will be some combination of multiple choice questions and short answer questions. Each test will cover readings from the texts, lectures, movies shown, and class discussions.
2. *Test #4. Value: 10%.* Last day of class. This test will be multiple choice questions only.
3. *Written Assignment. Value: 15%.* Details to follow.

*** Please note that all tests are non-cumulative.**

Letter Grade Assignments

A+	94 and up	B	70 – 75.9	D	50 – 54.9
A	85 – 93.9	C+	65 – 69.9	F	0 – 49.9
B+	76 – 84.9	C	55 – 64.9		

Course Policies

1. **The penalty for late papers is 10% for every 15 minutes or portion thereof.**
2. **Referencing style to be used in this course is APA.**
3. **Missed tests cannot be taken at a later date, unless a valid medical certificate is provided within 1 week of the scheduled test. No provisions have been made for make-up tests. If a make-up test is approved, the test will be scheduled by the professor and the time/date/place set for the make-up test is not negotiable. The student will show up to write the missed test at the time and place announced. Only those students with valid medical notes or other appropriate documentation will be allowed to write the make-up test.**
4. **Don't ask! There is no provision in this course for extra credit assignments or rewriting a test to improve your grade.**
5. Students are responsible for all material presented in class and in the texts.
6. Students cheating on a test will receive a "0" for the test and the Dept. Head will be notified to determine if further action is warranted.
7. If a student wishes to withdraw from the course, it is their responsibility to do so. The deadline for **Voluntary Withdrawal is March 19, 2009.**
8. Although the chapters on the Course Schedule will be covered in the order that they appear, I may exceed, restrict, or omit individual sections to facilitate smoother course delivery.
9. Students with special needs (e.g., learning, testing, hearing, sight, or physical) should discuss with me how I might make the learning environment more comfortable.
10. The university (and I) recognize and respect 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. Please notify me 3 weeks in advance of any such intended absence where special arrangements are sought.
11. 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.
12. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on "Personation at Examinations" (Section 4.2.8) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (Section 7.1) found in the Undergraduate calendar. The Faculty of Arts reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.
13. Disruptions due to excessive talking and late arrival or early departure 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.

Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sept. 5	Intro to Course	
Sept. 8,10,12	The Sociological Perspective	Ch. 1
Sept. 15,17,19,22,24,26	Sociological Investigation	Ch. 2
Sept. 29,Oct. 1,3	Culture	Ch. 3
<i>Oct. 6</i>	<i>MOVIE – Secret of the Wild Child</i>	
October 8,10	Socialization	Ch. 5
<i>October 13th – Thanksgiving Day – no classes</i>		
Oct. 15,17,20	Socialization, continued	Ch. 5
Oct. 22	TEST #1 – Value 25%	
<i>Oct. 24</i>	<i>MOVIE – Mickey Mouse Monopoly</i>	
Oct. 27,29,31	Social Interaction	Ch. 6
<i>Nov. 3</i>	<i>MOVIE – Transgender Revolution</i>	
Nov. 5,7	Sexuality	Ch. 8
Nov. 10,12,14,17,19,21	Deviance	Ch. 9
Nov. 24, 26, 28, Dec.1,3	Social Stratification	Ch. 10

December 3rd – Last day of class – Fall term

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Jan. 7,9	Social Class in Canada	Ch. 11
<i>Jan. 12</i>	<i>MOVIE – In the Gutter and other good places</i>	
Jan. 14	TEST #2 – Value 25%	
Jan. 19,21	Global Stratification	Ch. 12
<i>Jan. 23</i>	<i>MOVIE – Global Trade Debate</i>	
Jan. 26, 28, 30	Gender Stratification	Ch. 13
<i>Feb. 2</i>	<i>MOVIE – Understanding Race</i>	
Feb. 4,6,9,11,13	Race and Ethnicity	Ch. 14

Feb. 11th – Written Assignment Due at start of your class

Feb. 16th to 20th – Mid Term Break

Feb. 23,25,27	Aging and the Elderly	Ch. 15
Mar. 2,4,6	Family	Ch. 18
Mar. 9,11,13,16	Religion	Ch. 19

Mar. 18 TEST #3 – Value 25%

March 19th – Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline

<i>Mar. 20</i>	<i>MOVIE – Crimes of Honour</i>	
Mar. 23,25,27	Education	Ch. 20
Mar. 30, Apr. 1,3	Population, Urbanization, & Environment	Ch. 22

Apr. 6 MOVIE – State of the Planet

April 8th TEST #4 – Value: 10%