

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
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Canadian Social Issues – SOC 2310 – T01
3 credit hours

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Course Description/Objectives:

In this course we will explore, through reading and discussion, some of the social problems facing Canadians today – both at home and as global inhabitants. We will investigate such issues as poverty, gender, the sex trade, and the environment, among others. Student will further develop their sociological skills throughout this process.

Required Text:

Kendall, Diana, Vicki L. Nygaard, and Edward G Thompson. (2011). *Social Problems in a Diverse Society*, Third Canadian Edition. Toronto: Pearson Canada.

Course Requirements:

1. Letter Assignment – details to follow. Value: 10%
2. Research Paper/Presentation – details to follow. Value: 35% Total
3. Midterm Test – Value: 25%
4. Final Test – Value: 20%
5. Class Participation/Presentation Assessment – 10% (attendance will be taken)

* Tests may be some combination of multiple choice, true/false,
and short answer questions.

Letter Grade Assignments

A+	90 and up	B	70 – 75	D	50 – 59
A	80 – 89	C+	66 – 69	F	0 – 49
B+	76 – 79	C	60 – 65		

Course Policies

1. **The best way to reach me outside of class is to email me. BUT, when you email me, your email must use proper English – not the shorthand that is commonplace in chat rooms and text messaging - and you must identify in which class you are registered in the subject line. Further, do not assume I have received or read your email until I respond to it.**
2. **Don't ask! There is no provision in this course for extra credit assignments, rewriting a test, or any other such creative idea you might have to improve your grade.**
3. **The penalty for late papers/assignments is 10% for every 15 minutes or portion thereof.**
4. Missed tests cannot be taken at a later date, unless a valid medical certificate is provided within 3 days of the scheduled test. Any approved make-up test will be written on a date and time and in a location chosen by the instructor. The date/time of the make-up test is not negotiable. Only those students with valid medical notes or other appropriate documentation will be allowed to write the make-up test.
5. Students are responsible for all material presented in class and in the text.
6. Students cheating on a test will receive a "0" for the test and the appropriate officials 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, 2015.
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, 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 holidays of their faith, which fall within the academic year. Please notify me in advance of any such intended absence.
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 plagiarism, cheating, exam personation, and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at <http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/index.html>. Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them. 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. Students who disrupt the class, in any way, will be asked to leave. Please, no cell phones ringing, texting, game playing, whispering to one another, etc. Respect the needs and rights of other students to learn.
14. **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.

Course Schedule

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Jan. 7	Taking a New Look at Social Problems	Chapter 1
Jan. 12	Poverty in the Canadian Context	Chapter 2
Jan. 19	Racism and Ethnic Inequality	Chapter 3
Jan. 26	Gender Inequality	Chapter 4
Feb. 2	Inequality Based on Age	Chapter 5
Feb. 9	Inequality Based on Sexual Orientation The Sex Trade in Canada	Chapter 6 Chapter 7
FEB. 13th	MID-TERM TEST (25%)	
	<i>FEBRUARY 16 -20 MIDTERM BREAK</i>	
Feb. 23	Crime and Criminal Justice	Chapter 9
Mar. 2	The Changing Family	Chapter 11
Mar. 9, 16, 23	Problems in Education Problems Related to Media	Chapter 12 Chapter 14
Mar. 13th	Research Papers Due (Presentations begin)	
Mar. 30	Population, Urbanization, and the Environmental Crisis	Chapter 15
Apr. 3	NO CLASS – Good Friday	
Apr. 6	Global Social Problems	Chapter 16
APR. 10th	FINAL TEST (20%)	