

University of Manitoba, Department of Sociology, Fall, 2011  
SOCIOLOGY SOC 2390 A01 - SOCIAL ORGANIZATION  
(3 cr hrs) 325 St. Paul's College Slot 3: 10:30-11:20

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This document along with course policies and details on grade calculations and assignments can be found on the Angel course website.

Required Textbooks: None

All reading materials will come from internet sources or the UM e-library. Students will need a computer; access to the internet, access to the UM online library, ability to use USB flash drives, CDs, and Google and other 'search engines'. Students who choose to do optional in-class presentations for bonus points should have knowledge of the use of Power Point, slide shows, movie, video and audio software.

COURSE GOALS

The goals of this course are to provide students with skills in the analysis, researching, and reporting on organization (ISO). The questions of how to organize and deorganize will be addressed. The origin, life and death of social organization will be examined at an introductory level of theory and practice. Content focus will be on the forms/types of organization, the relationships among them and how to control them. Instruction will focus on asking questions, problem solving, research and communication.

**Evaluation**

Students will complete monthly assignments for grade evaluation. When appropriate, class presentation of assignments is encouraged and can earn bonus points.

Work	Value	Due Dates
<u>Monthly Assignments</u>		
September	20%	Oct 7
October	30%	Nov 4
November	30%	Dec 7
Classroom Participation	10%	Every class meeting
Attendance	5%	Every class meeting
Optional class presentations of Monthly Assignments	5%	Every presentation

**Monthly Assignments**

The September assignment requires students to choose a type/form of organization and on the basis of research and analysis, provide a descriptive report on the origin, life and demise (where relevant) of the type/form of organization.

The October assignment is identical but students must choose a different form/type of organization than that selected for the September Assignment.

The November assignment requires the student to prepare a report explaining the life of the organization forms/types in either the September or October assignments.

Optional presentations of monthly assignments:

Students can elect to make a class presentation via Power Point slides, a slide show, a movie or audio. Bonus points may be awarded for the presentation.

**PARTICIPATION**: Students are expected to read assigned materials prior to class, raise questions, answer questions, and contribute to class discussions and problem solving. Students may participate by writing in the course website.

**ATTENDANCE**: Students are expected to attend and record their attendance at all class meetings unless they can document reasons for non-attendance such as sickness or family crises. Students missing more that 25% of class meetings without documented reasons may face debarment from the course.

Reading assignments on topics not covered in this syllabus may be announced from time to time. Material for these assignments will be put on the course web page.

**Student Responsibility and Academic Integrity**

If an assignment is missed for a legitimate medical reason the student should get in touch with the professor, present their medical certificate, and arrange for a time extension. Late assignments will be penalized one letter grade per day late

Cheating is a serious offense with grave consequences.

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on '**Personation at Examinations**' (Section 5.2.9) and '**Plagiarism and Cheating**' (Section 8.1) found online at: University of Manitoba Academic Calendar and Catalog - General Academic Regulations Section 5 and Section 8

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.

Last day for Voluntary Withdrawal from course: **November 16, 2011**

The following numerical scores are used for averaging letter grades: A+=87, A=82, B+=77, B=72, C+=67, C=62, D=55. Grades are averaged upward if the score is less than .5 away from the next category. For example, a score of 79.50 would be graded as B+; a score of 79.51 would be graded as A.

Note: the following material will be posted on the course website where you will be able to select and copy the URLs for the internet readings for more or less instant access. This paper copy is for reference purposes.

**Topics and Reading Calendar**

## **Week 1** Stories and organization:

**Friday:** Sept 9 Organization stories

Students: Come to class prepared to tell an interesting organization (O) story, based on experience or reading. Here are some internet sources.

<http://www.who.int/features/qa/12/en/index.html>

<http://www.newser.com/tag/10225/1/world-health-organization.html>

<http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/child/6/>

<http://freestoriesforkids.com/tales-for-kids/values-and-virtues/stories-about-cleverness>

## **Week 2. O in the background; O description**

**Monday:** Sept 12 O in the background: how to see it.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociological\\_imagination](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociological_imagination)

<http://legacy.lclark.edu/~goldman/socimagination.html>

**Wednesday.** Sept 14 O description:

Come prepared to describe the O of a household you know.

Dimensions you might consider: Life cycle stage, age, kinship, marriage, goals, conflict, income, credit, debt, spending, plans, hierarchy, employment, training, activities, rent/mortgage, automobiles.

<http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~anthrop/tutor/residence/index.html>

<http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~anthrop/tutor/residence/defining.html>

**Friday:** Sept 16

Class cancelled; plan to attend Arts Celebrating Arts and observe its O

## **Week 3** O life cycles

**Monday:** Sept 19 Birth, life and death of O

Businesses and corporations life cycle

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organizational\\_life\\_cycle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organizational_life_cycle)

<http://www.adizes.com/pdf/lifecyclesoforg.pdf> Read only to end of point 5.

<http://www.enotes.com/small-business-encyclopedia/organizational-life-cycle> Read only to end of Phase 5

<http://www.legacee.com/FastGrowth/OrgLifeCycle.html> Read up to Tough a Nails [sic]

<http://www.practical-management.com/Organization-Development/Organizational-lifecycle-and-decline.html> Read only down to comments

<http://managementhelp.org/organizations/life-cycles.htm#per>

<http://www.practical-management.com/Organization-Development/Organizational-lifecycle-and-decline.html> Read only down to comments

Occupations life cycle

<http://www.nordiclbourjournal.org/i-fokus/in-focus-2010/theme-new-skills-for-new-jobs-the-nordic-way/creating-new-occupations-as-the-old-disappear>

<http://www.nordiclbourjournal.org/i-fokus/in-focus-2010/theme-new-skills-for-new-jobs-the-nordic-way/creating-new-occupations-as-the-old-disappear>

Marriage and divorce life cycle

<http://www.livingsystems.ca/uploads/editor/File/Thinking%20Systems%20about%20the%20Family%20Life%20Cycle.pdf>

**Wednesday:** Sept 21 O types and levels: come with your list  
Skim this for types and levels categories:

<http://www.delmar.edu/socsci/rlong/intro/org.htm>

Levels of O in the human body: cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, organism

[http://www.ehow.co.uk/info\\_8637401\\_10-levels-organization-hierarchy-life.html](http://www.ehow.co.uk/info_8637401_10-levels-organization-hierarchy-life.html)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Types\\_of\\_organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Types_of_organization)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization> Read only to end of 3.4

<http://factoidz.com/four-types-of-organizations/> Read only to the end of 4. Adhocracy

**Friday:** Sept 23 O charts: life, hierarchy, size and structure: activities, actors

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organizational\\_chart](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organizational_chart)

[http://www.tpub.com/content/draftsman/14065/css/14065\\_90.htm](http://www.tpub.com/content/draftsman/14065/css/14065_90.htm)

[http://www.expertmanage.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=77:org-chart&catid=57:organisation&Itemid=131](http://www.expertmanage.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=77:org-chart&catid=57:organisation&Itemid=131)

**Week 4** O of the world

**Monday:** Sept 26 O of empires/states, borders, war, migration

[http://www.gapminder.org/GapminderMedia/wp-uploads/pdf\\_charts/GWM2010.pdf](http://www.gapminder.org/GapminderMedia/wp-uploads/pdf_charts/GWM2010.pdf)

[http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/world\\_biomes.htm](http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/world_biomes.htm)

[http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/statis\\_e/statis\\_maps\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/statis_maps_e.htm) Review material under membership tab

<http://www.usdebtclock.org/world-debt-clock.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Health\\_Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Organization)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_largest\\_empires#Medieval\\_empires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires#Medieval_empires)

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/> what's peculiar about the list of empires here?

Check this out for material !! <http://www.allempires.com/default.php>

Chronologies of empires

[http://www.allempires.com/forum/forum\\_posts.asp?TID=6054&PN=1](http://www.allempires.com/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=6054&PN=1)

<http://eawc.evansville.edu/chronology/nepage.htm>

World History of Globalization: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~dludden/global1.htm>

**Wednesday:** Sept 28 War

<http://www.guardroom.co.uk/chrono.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists\\_of\\_wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_wars)

**Friday:** Sept 30 Migration

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_migration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_migration)

**Week 5** O of death:

**Monday:** Oct 3 Rates of death: natural, infanticide, disposal of bodies

<http://www.os-connect.com/pop/>

<http://www.srgw.demon.co.uk/CremSoc4/Stats/index.html>

**Wednesday:** Oct 5 Rates of homicide and suicide

[http://www.guncite.com/gun\\_control\\_gcgvintl.html](http://www.guncite.com/gun_control_gcgvintl.html)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00046149.htm>

**Friday:** Oct 7 War deaths; genocide

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007095>

<http://canadiangenocide.nativeweb.org/intro2.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genocides\\_in\\_history](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genocides_in_history)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_wars\\_and\\_anthropogenic\\_disasters\\_by\\_death\\_toll](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wars_and_anthropogenic_disasters_by_death_toll)

<http://www.taphilo.com/history/war-deaths.shtml>

**Week 6:** O of reproduction

**Monday:** Oct 10 - No Class Thanksgiving Holiday

**Wednesday:** Oct 12 Rates of birth and growth/decline

<http://www.physicalgeography.net/fundamentals/9d.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birth\\_rate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birth_rate)

**Friday:** Oct 14 Sexual intercourse, pregnancy and birthing,

<http://www.obgyn.utoronto.ca/Assets/OBGYN+Digital+Assets/about/org2.pdf?method=1>

<http://www.canadianmidwives.org/province/Manitoba.html?prov=3>

<http://www.canadianmidwives.org/> Check out these site links: About CAM, Midwifery Practice, Midwifery in Canada, Communications, Events

Infant and child care

[http://www.cadenagramonte.cubaweb.cu/english/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2287:world-health-organization-praises-cuba-maternal-infant-health-care&catid=2:cuba&Itemid=14](http://www.cadenagramonte.cubaweb.cu/english/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2287:world-health-organization-praises-cuba-maternal-infant-health-care&catid=2:cuba&Itemid=14)

**Week 7:** O of living: food, water, air, shelter

**Monday:** Oct 17 Food

<http://www.fao.org/corp/statistics/en/> Check out the stats and maps you're interested in.

[http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs\\_management/en/](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/en/)

<http://www.wfp.org/countries/central-african-republic> Search the countries and hunger tabs at top of page

<http://truthonthemarket.com/2011/03/28/the-industrial-organization-of-food-carts/>

**Wednesday:** Oct 19 Water and Air

<http://www.who.int/topics/water/en/>

[http://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/en/](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/en/)

[http://www.who.int/topics/air\\_pollution/en/](http://www.who.int/topics/air_pollution/en/)

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs313/en/index.html>

**Friday:** Oct 21 Shelter

CMHC [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada\\_Mortgage\\_and\\_Housing\\_Corporation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada_Mortgage_and_Housing_Corporation)

Cooperative housing

<http://www.chfc.ca/index.asp>

Homelessness

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homelessness\\_in\\_Canada#Deinstitutionalization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homelessness_in_Canada#Deinstitutionalization)

Habitat for Humanity <http://www.habitat.org/>

Development Industry

[http://researchonrealestate.com/html/Real\\_Estate\\_Associations\\_North\\_Am.php](http://researchonrealestate.com/html/Real_Estate_Associations_North_Am.php)

**Week 8:** O of living: labour, health, law and crime.

**Monday:** Oct 24 Labour

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=A1ARTA0004428>

<http://www.lltjournal.ca/index.php/llt/article/viewFile/2437/2841>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Labour\\_Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Labour_Organization)

**Wednesday:** Oct 26 Health

Hospitals <http://www.allhospitaljobs.com/hospital/hs-canada-mb.html>

Health care system

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Health\\_care\\_in\\_Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Health_care_in_Canada)

<http://www.canadian-healthcare.org/>

<http://www.newrules.org/equity/rules/singlepayer-and-universal-health-care/canadian-healthcare-system>

Other providers

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada%27s\\_Health\\_Care\\_providers,\\_2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada%27s_Health_Care_providers,_2007)

<http://www.canadiantaskforce.ca/>

**Friday** Oct 28 Law **adversarial vs inquisitorial systems**

<http://www.answers.com/topic/inquisitorial-system>

<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/dept-min/pub/ccs-ajc/page3.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Court\\_system\\_of\\_Canada#History\\_of\\_the\\_Federal\\_Courts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Court_system_of_Canada#History_of_the_Federal_Courts)

Particularly read the paragraph above 'A note on terminology' and Section 4: Appointment and regulation of judges

<http://www.scc-csc.gc.ca/court-cour/sys/index-eng.asp> Particularly the section titled 'The Judiciary'

Historically important cases <http://www.duhaime.org/LawMuseum/CanadianLegalHistory.aspx>

**Week 9:** O of living: education, science, technology

**Monday:** Oct 31 Education

Education and employment: one purpose of wide public education was to help relieve unemployment. As organized now, education moves the unemployment to different places, ages and sectors

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_education](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_education)

<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/education-timeline/education-timeline.htm#1980>

**Wednesday:** Nov 2 Science

Science: domination of public funding of research by hard sciences, engineering, medicine and pharmaceuticals

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_science](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_science)

<http://www.sciencetimeline.net/1651.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_timelines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_timelines)

**Friday:** Nov 4 Technology

Technology: endless use of new technology to attempt to solve problems of old technology; but new technology brings its own terrible unanticipated developments; patents, domination by war technology and large corporations;

[http://inventors.about.com/od/timelines/Timelines\\_of\\_Invention\\_and\\_Technology.htm](http://inventors.about.com/od/timelines/Timelines_of_Invention_and_Technology.htm)  
<http://www2.gsu.edu/~mstnrhx/9870/science.htm>

**Week 10:** O of markets

Monday Nov 7 O of markets: free, regulated, oligopolies, monopolies,

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free\\_market](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_market)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free\\_market](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_market)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligopoly> In contents read only 1, 2 and 4

[http://tutor2u.net/economics/content/topics/monopoly/oligopoly\\_notes.htm](http://tutor2u.net/economics/content/topics/monopoly/oligopoly_notes.htm)

Wednesday Nov 9 Markets: grey, black, criminal,

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey\\_market](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey_market)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\\_market](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_market)

<http://www.economywatch.com/market/market-types/black-market.html>

Friday Nov 11 Holiday Classes cancelled

**Week 11:** Finish markets Start O of culture, religion, sport, internet

Monday Nov 14 Markets: private, public, buyers, sellers, corrupt, subsidies

<http://www.stockexchangesecrets.com/stock-market-corruption.html>

[http://www.forbes.com/2009/01/22/corruption-lobbying-bribes-biz-corruption09-cx\\_mm\\_0122maiello.html](http://www.forbes.com/2009/01/22/corruption-lobbying-bribes-biz-corruption09-cx_mm_0122maiello.html)

<http://farm.ewg.org/> click on North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana

[http://www.cato.org/pubs/articles/coulson\\_comparing\\_public\\_private\\_market\\_schools\\_jsc.pdf](http://www.cato.org/pubs/articles/coulson_comparing_public_private_market_schools_jsc.pdf)

NOTE: The following topics may not be covered if the above topics take more than the time planned for them.

Wednesday Nov 16 O of culture

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Culture-rehlated\\_timelines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Culture-rehlated_timelines)

<http://members.efn.org/~dredmond/CulturalMaps.html>

<http://www.historyofinformation.com/index.php?category=Popular+Culture>

Friday Nov 18: O of religion

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Religion\\_timelines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Religion_timelines)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_religion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_religion)

**Week 12:** Finish Sport and internet; Start O of volunteer activity

Monday Nov 21: O of sport, internet

<http://www.timelineindex.com/content/select/382/912,382>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_timelines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_timelines)

[http://inventors.about.com/od/computersandinternet/Computers\\_and\\_Internet.htm](http://inventors.about.com/od/computersandinternet/Computers_and_Internet.htm)

<http://www.zakon.org/robert/internet/timeline/>

<http://www.netvalley.com/archives/mirrors/davemarsh-timeline-1.htm>

Wednesday Nov 23 O of volunteer activity

Friday Nov 25 O of volunteer activity

**Week 13:** O of evolution; extinctions

Monday Nov 28

Wednesday Nov 30

Friday Dec 2

**Week 14:** Theories of O

Monday Dec 5

Wednesday Dec 7