

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**SOC.1200-A01: Introduction to Sociology**

Summer Day Session (S1) - 2007  
6 Credit Hours  
Room: 213 Tier  
Monday-Friday, 8:30-10:30

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**Required Text**

Diane Kendall, Jane Lothian Murray, and Rick Linden. 2007. *Sociology in Our Times (Fourth Canadian Edition)*. Toronto: Nelson.

**Course Objectives and Description**

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.

**Grades**

The grade letter/percentage distribution for this course is as follows:

A+	90 - 100	Exceptional	C+	65 - 69	Satisfactory
A	80 - 89	Excellent	C	60 - 64	Adequate
B+	75 - 79	Very Good	D	50 - 59	Marginal
B	70 - 74	Good	F	49 or less	Failure

**Evaluation**

Test #1	May 22	25%
Test #2	June 11	25%
Essay	June 15	30%
Test #3	June 26	20%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

**Tests**

Tests will include a mix of multiple choice and essay questions, and will be based on lecture material, films and class discussions, and information from the textbook. No provision is made for make-up tests. Early tests will only be arranged during the first week of class (May 7-11), and only when appropriate documentation is provided. In the event of illness or family death, a doctor's note or copy of a death certificate will be required.

**Essay**

Students are required to write an essay that applies core concepts from one of the theories covered in the course to a current story that is in the news. News sources that may be used include, but are not limited to: The Winnipeg Free Press, The Winnipeg Sun, The Toronto Globe and Mail, MacLean's Magazine, Time Magazine, BBC News Online, CBC News Online, and Newsweek Magazine. If you are unsure about whether a particular news source may be used please contact the instructor. All related newspaper clippings, or photocopies of stories, are to be stapled to the back of the essay when it is submitted. Additional academic sources may be used in this essay, although this is not required.

The length of the essay should be between 5-6 pages—at approximately 300 words per page this works out to 1500-1800 words. Essays that are less than 1500 words, and essays that provide improper citations (or none at all), will be penalized. All papers **must** be type written and double spaced using a 12 point

font. Students who do not have access to a computer may utilize the University of Manitoba computer lab. Please note: You should always keep an extra copy of any written assignment you hand in.

Students are strongly encouraged to re-read the essay prior to handing it in order to check for errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and structure. Students should also double check to ensure that the concepts used in each of the papers are applied correctly. It is often useful to get a friend, or someone else in this course, to proofread your paper.

Please do **not** email assignments to the instructor, and do **not** slide essays under the instructor's office door. Late essays, and essays left in the instructor's mailbox without a date stamp from the sociology main office, and essays that are slid under the door to the instructor's office will **not** be accepted.

### **Academic Integrity**

Students are reminded that the University of Manitoba strictly enforces its policy with respect to academic dishonesty. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p. 26) and 'Examination Personation' (p. 25) found in the 2006-2007 University Undergraduate Calendar.

### **Class Conduct**

Disruptions such as talking, late arrivals or early departures are especially distracting. Please be considerate of the needs and rights of others. Cell phones are not welcome.

### **Withdrawal**

Last day for voluntary withdrawal from this full year course without academic penalty is June 20, 2007.

### ***Subject to Revision***

## Course Outline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
May 7	What is sociology?	
May 8-11	Major theories and perspectives	Pp. 2-31
May 14-15	Sociological research	Pp. 32-63
May 16	Culture and society	Pp. 64-95
May 17	Socialization	Pp. 96-123
May 18	Components of Social Structure	Pp. 124-151
May 21	<i>Victoria Day—No Classes</i>	
<b>***Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Test #1 25%</b>		
May 23-24	Groups and Organizations	Pp. 152-185
May 25-28	Crime and Deviance	Pp. 186-227
May 29-30	Social stratification and Poverty	Pp. 228-295
May 31 and June 1	<i>Mid Term Examination Break—No Classes</i>	
June 4-5	Race and ethnicity	Pp. 296-325
June 6-7	Sex and gender	Pp. 326-361
June 8	Collective Behaviour and Social Change	Pp. 626- 640
<b>***Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> Test #2 25%</b>		
June 12	Aging	Pp. 362-393
June 13	The economy and work	Pp. 394-427
June 14-15	Power Politics and Government	Pp. 428-459
<b>***Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> Essay 30%</b>		
June 18	The Family	Pp. 460-495
June 19-20	Religion	Pp. 526-555
<b>***n.b. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the final VW date</b>		
June 21-22	Health and Wellness	Pp. 556-589
June 25	Urbanization and the growth of cities	Pp. 590-625
<b>***Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> Test #3 20%</b>		