

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
Department of Sociology
Fall/Winter 2009-10

SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology (6 credit hours)

Section A10, Tuesday/Thursday, Slot 4: 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Room 235 Isbister Building

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PLEASE READ THE COURSE OUTLINE CAREFULLY

CONTENT AND PURPOSES:

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.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Tepperman, L and J. Curtis (Eds). Principles of Sociology: Canadian Perspectives, (2nd edition). Oxford, Don Mills: 2009.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The final grade for the course will be based on FIVE (5) equally weighted in-class term tests and a take home assignment which have been scheduled as follows:

- 1) Term test 1 (15%): October 15, 2009
- 2) Term test 2 (15%): November 26, 2009
- 3) Term test 3 (15%): January 28, 2010
- 4) Term test 4 (15%): March 4, 2010
- 5) Term test 5 (15%): April 8, 2010
- 6) Take home assignment (25%): due in-class January 12, 2010.

The in-class term tests will be based on readings and lectures and will involve multiple choice and true/false items. The take home assignment will be detailed in a handout.

Please note that the above schedule will be strictly adhered to and no provisions have been made for make-up tests or late submissions of the take home assignment. Requests for special consideration must be made well in advance and/or supported by appropriate documentation. If a make-up test or time extension is approved, students must comply with the time/date scheduled by the instructor. **It is the student's responsibility to contact the Instructor to report a missed test within one week.**

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on Academic dishonesty, including "Examinations: Personations" (section 4.2.8) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (section 7.1) found in the Undergraduate Calendar. See also important information regarding appeals (section 5.1-5.3) 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.

As indicated in the University calendar on pp 29, Students are expected to attend class and are strongly encouraged to complete the readings in advance of the lectures so that any problems, concerns or points of interest can be raised for discussion in class. Participation in class discussions is welcomed and encouraged.

FINAL DATE FOR VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL: MARCH 19, 2010.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

A+ 90 - 100 B+ 76 - 79 C+ 66 - 69 D 50 - 59
A 80 - 89 B 70 - 75 C 60 - 65 F < 50

IMPORTANT NOTE: The *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.

DISRUPTIONS: On the issue of politeness, please note that disturbances due to talking or early departures from the classroom are disruptive. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that inappropriate behavior and/or persistent disruption may result in disbarment from the course (cf. Student Discipline By-law, pp 24 of U of M Undergrad Calendar). Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving the class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class. **It should also be noted that lap top computers may only be used for the purpose of taking notes; any other uses will result in this privilege being withdrawn. Cell phones are to be turned off during class, and text messaging is strictly prohibited.**

CLASS SCHEDULE:

**Please note that this is a tentative schedule providing a guide to the topics and approximate timelines. Accordingly, the schedule may be modified as we proceed and not all topics may be covered. Any changes will be discussed in class in order to ensure that the reading requirements for term tests are clearly specified in advance. As noted above, "attendance is expected of all students" (U of M Undergrad Calendar, pp 29).

Week of:

- September 10: Introduction and overview of the course
- September 15: Sociological Basics
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 1
- September 22: Understanding Social Life: Major Social Processes
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 2 – 4
- October 15: Term test 1 in-class (15%)**
- October 20: Social Inequality
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 5 – 8.
- November 26: Term test 2 in-class (15%)**
- November 24: Social Institutions I
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 9 - 11

First term ends December 9, 2009

- January 7: Social Institutions I continued from first term
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 9 – 11
- January 12: Take home assignment (25%) due in-class**
- January 28: Term test 3 in-class (15%)**
- February 2: Social Institution II
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 12 - 15

February 15 – 19, 2010: Mid-term break

- March 4: Term test 4 in-class (15%)**
- March 9: Canadian Society: Globalization and Social Change
Readings: Tepperman and Curtis, chapters 16 - 18
- April 8: Term test 5 in-class (15%)**