

University of Manitoba, Department of Sociology Fall, 2007
SOC 2390 (A01) - SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

Tentative Course Outline

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Class time: Slot 10 1:00-2:15 T/Th
Credit Hours: 3 Credit hours

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Required Textbooks:

Allahar and Cote, *Richer and Poorer*, 1998, Lorimer
Perrow, *Complex Organizations*, 1984, McGraw-Hill
Wright, *A Short History of Progress*, 2004, Anansi

This document along with course policies and details on grade calculations and assignments can be found on the internet. Go to the UM webpage > Current Students > WebCT > Login > 077.239 Social Organization. If you have no ID Click on Claim your ID

COURSE GOALS

The goals of this course are to provide students with an examination of organization as an influence and resource in their lives and an introductory level examination of the theory and practice of organization and reorganization: origin, modification and termination of organization. Social organization is regarded as the major source of social ills (like tainted blood, mining fatalities, child poverty) and benefits (like the anti-personnel mines treaty, an anti-apartheid regime in South Africa, human rights legislation) . At the same time, organization and reorganization are seen as the major corrective for social ills and the enhancement of social benefits. Instruction will focus on asking questions, problem solving, research and communication skills for the above topics.

Evaluation

Course Work	Value	Dates
Tests	40%	Oct 18, Dec 4
Assignment A	25%	Nov 1
Assignment B	25%	Dec 4
Classroom Participation	5%	Every class meeting
Attendance	5%	Every class meeting

Assignment A: Select one of
 Organizational history of an individual
 Development of an institutions over the 20th Century (Group)

Assignment B Select one of
 Term Paper (Individual)
 Organizational Audit (Individual)
 Commodity Assignment (Group)
 Start an organization (Individual)
 Tracking assignment (Group)
 Empire
 Nation
 Institution
 Organization

Note: The topics selected for assignments A, B and exam questions cannot be the same unless permission from the instructor is obtained.

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.

Topic and Readings Calendar

Week	Topic	SHP	CO	RP	Other
September					
6					
10	What is social organization (SO)?	1	1	---	
17	What are the levels and types of SO?	2	192-208	---	Markets + ¹
24	What are the levels and types of SO?	---	---	5	Coops + ²
October					
1	What are the theories of SO?	---	3, 5	---	Conflict +
8	What are the theories of SO?	3	---	2	
15	What are the theories of SO?	---	6, 8	---	
22	What is the origin of SO?	1	---	1	
29	What is the origin of SO?	---	2	4	
November					
5	Why and how does SO change	4	---	3	
12	Why and how does SO change	---	4	---	
19	What is the present state of SO	---	---	6	
26	What is the present state of SO	---	---	---	Languages + ³
December					
3	What is the prognosis for SO?	5	---	---	

¹ Markets (black and white) and subsidies, states, empires

² Cooperatives, non-profits, charities, unions and religious orgs

³ Cultures, peoples

Reading assignments on topics not covered in the textbooks will be announced from time to time. Reading material will be placed on reserve or put on the course web page.

Student Responsibility

If a test is missed for a legitimate medical reason the student must get in touch with the professor, present their medical certificate, and arrange for a make-up test. Under normal circumstances, the student is required to inform the professor of their request for a make-up test within one week of the original test date. Failure to request a make-up test within the expected time frame may result in ineligibility for a make-up test and a mark of zero for that test.

Last day for Voluntary Withdrawal from course: November 14, 2007

Academic Integrity: Cheating is a serious offense with grave consequences. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Examinations: Personation' (Section 4.2.8) and Plagiarism and cheating (Section 7.1) found in the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar.

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.

University of Manitoba Senate Policy #1307 requires "a post examination review of final grades in multisectioned 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.

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+