

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

**Department of Sociology**

**Soc 1200 – A01: Introduction to Sociology (6 credit hours)**

**Summer Day Session 2008**

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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.

***Please note: Summer session courses have the exact same level of content as fall/winter courses in terms of reading, lecture material, essay requirements, etc. No allowances are made for students who “over commit” in terms of the number of courses they elect to take.***

**Grade Distribution:**

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 20	25%
Test #2	June 9	25%
Essay	June 13	30%
Test #3	June 24	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, 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 minimum length of the essay is 1500 words, which works out to approximately 5 pages at an average of 300 words per page. 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 classmate 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' and 'Examination Personation' found in the 2007-2008 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 12, 2008.

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

## Course Outline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
May 5	What is sociology?	
May 6-9	Major theories and perspectives	Pp. 2-31
May 12-13	Sociological research	Pp. 32-63
May 14	Culture and society	Pp. 64-95
May 15	Socialization	Pp. 96-123
May 16	Components of Social Structure	Pp. 124-151
May 19	<i>Victoria Day—No Classes</i>	
<b>***Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> Test #1 25%</b>		
May 21-22	Groups and Organizations	Pp. 152-185
May 23-26	Crime and Deviance	Pp. 186-227
May 27-28	Social stratification and Poverty	Pp. 228-295
May 29-30	<i>Mid Term Examination Break—No Classes</i>	
June 2-3	Race and ethnicity	Pp. 296-325
June 4-5	Sex and gender	Pp. 326-361
June 6	Collective Behaviour and Social Change	Pp. 626- 640
<b>***Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> Test #2 25%</b>		
June 10	Aging	Pp. 362-393
June 11	The economy and work	Pp. 394-427
June 12-13	Power Politics and Government	Pp. 428-459
<b>***n.b. June 12<sup>th</sup> is the final VW date</b>		
<b>***Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> Essay 30%</b>		
June 16	The Family	Pp. 460-495
June 17-18	Religion	Pp. 526-555
June 19-20	Health and Wellness	Pp. 556-589
June 23	Urbanization and the growth of cities	Pp. 590-625
<b>***Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> Test #3 20%</b>		