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Course Description: In this course we will begin to imagine what a sociological perspective of the world opens up to us. What do we learn about others, the world, and ourselves when we use sociological tools to examine them? Sociology is a diverse field with areas of study ranging from scientific language to transnational adoption to environmental change to international relations. What all of these sociological analyses have in common is that they are asking after how people make sense of the world and their relationships to others in it. In this course we will learn about different sociological perspectives, how to ask sociological questions, and reflect on what it means to see the world through this lens.

Required Text:


Evaluation:

- Midterm 1 (October 5th): 25%
- Midterm 2: (November 7th) 35%
- Final Exam (TBA): 40%

Access to Instructor:
Email will be answered during normal business hours of the University. While an effort will be made to respond in a timely manner, please allow 1-2 days for a reply. I will be available by appointment, which can be set up either via email or in person before or after class.

Midterm Exams:
In this course there will be two midterm exams on October 5th and November 7th. The exams will be multiple choice format and will be 50 minutes long. Please bring a pencil to class. We will have a review class prior to each exam, and sample exam material will be available on eClass.

Final Exam:
The final exam date is TBA, but will be announced in class. The final exam will be cumulative. Details will be discussed during the last week of class. Sample questions will be available on eClass.
Reading:
The lectures and exams will draw heavily on content covered in the textbook. As such, you are expected to come to class having read the assigned chapter(s) and prepared to discuss. The reading schedule can be found at the end of the syllabus.

Classroom Environment:
A healthy and productive classroom environment depends on everyone participating in creating a space where we can speak and hear one another without fear of hostility or judgment. I expect everyone, including myself, to do their best to ensure that, in spite of personal opinions and clashes, we will stay focused on the content of the material as it relates to the social world in a sensitive and humble manner. There will be zero tolerance for discriminatory or abusive language of any sort.

Territorial Statement:
“The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.”

Policy on MISSED exams:
Neither absence from class nor travel plans will be accepted as legitimate reasons for failure to attend an exam. An unexcused absence will result in a grade of zero for that exam. Should a student miss a mid-term, they must contact the Instructor via e-mail within two working days of the originally scheduled exam, or as soon as the student is able, having regard to the circumstances underlying the absence. Please note that depending upon the circumstances, appropriate documentation may be required (e.g., “Medical Declaration Form for Students,” “Statutory Declaration,” police report, death notice, court documents). Students with an excused absence must write the missed exam rather than shift the weight of that exam to other course requirements. Should a student miss a final exam, they must apply for a deferred exam at their own Faculty Undergraduate Student Services office within two days of the missed exam, or as soon as able, in regards to the circumstance.

Academic Integrity
“The University of Alberta is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are particularly urged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Code of Student Behaviour (online at https://www.ualberta.ca/current-students/academic-resources/academic-integrity) and avoid any behaviour which could potentially result in suspicions of cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation of facts and/or participation in an offence. Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University.”

Audio or Video Recording
“Audio or video recording, digital or otherwise, of lectures, labs, seminars or any other teaching environment by students is allowed only with the prior written consent of the Instructor or as a part of an approved accommodation plan. Student or Instructor content, digital or otherwise, created and/or used within the context of the course is to be used solely for personal study, and is
not to be used or distributed for any other purpose without prior written consent from the content author(s)."

Course Outline Policy
"Policy about course outlines can be found in Course Requirements, Evaluation Procedures and Grading of the University Calendar."

Accessibility Resources:
If you have special needs that could affect your performance in this class, please let me know during the first week of the term so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If you are not already registered with Accessibility Resources, contact their office immediately (1-80 SUB; Email sasrec@ualberta.ca; Email; phone 780-492-3381).

Additional Resources:
- Counseling & Clinical Services: 2-600 Students’ Union Building (780-492-5205)
- Peer Support Centre: 2-707 SUB (780-492-HELP)
- University of Alberta Sexual Assault Centre: 2-705 SUB (780-492-7991)
- First Peoples’ House: 2-400 SUB (780-492-5667)
- The Landing: 0-68A Lower Level SUB (780-492-4949)
- The Centre For Writers: 1-42 Assiniboia Hall (780-492-2639)

Grading Scale

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 5th
• Introduction to course

Friday, September 7th
• Introduction: Why not Become a Sociologist (1-8) in Sociology: A Canadian Perspective (SCP)

Monday, September 10th
• Chapter 1: Sociological Theory (10-33) in SCP

Wednesday, September 12th
• Chapter 1: Sociological Theory (10-33) in SCP

Friday, September 14th
• Chapter 1: Sociological Theory (10-33) in SCP

Monday, September 17th
• Chapter 2: Research Methods (34-55) in SCP

Wednesday, September 19th
• Chapter 3: Culture and Culture Change (58-80) in SCP

Friday, September 21st
• Chapter 3: Culture and Culture Change (58-80) in SCP

Monday, September 24th
• Chapter 4: Sociology (82-107) in SCP

Wednesday, September 26th
• Chapter 5: Statuses, Roles, Self, and Identity (108-129) in SCP

Friday, September 28th
• Chapter 5: Statuses, Roles, Self, and Identity (108-129) in SCP

Monday, October 1st
• Chapter 7: Deviance (156-180) in SCP

Wednesday, October 3rd
• Midterm #1 Review

Friday, October 5th
• Midterm #1
Monday, October 8th – NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, October 10th
- Chapter 8: Class and Status Inequality (182-206) in SCP

Friday, October 12th
- Chapter 8: Class and Status Inequality (182-206) in SCP

Monday, October 15th
- Chapter 9: Gender Relations (208-231) in SCP

Wednesday, October 17th
- Chapter 9: Gender Relations (208-231) in SCP

Friday, October 19th
- Chapter 10: Sexuality (232-257) in SCP

Monday, October 22nd
- Chapter 10: Sexuality (232-257) in SCP

Wednesday, October 24th
- Chapter 11: Ethnic and Race Relations (258-284) in SCP

Friday, October 26th
- Chapter 11: Ethnic and Race Relations (258-284) in SCP

Monday, October 29th
- Chapter 18: Politics and Political Movements (442-466) in SCP

Wednesday, October 31st
- Chapter 19: Social Movements (468-491) in SCP

Friday, November 2nd
- Chapter 19: Social Movements (468-491) in SCP

Monday, November 5th
- Midterm #2 Review

Wednesday, November 7th
- Midterm #2

Friday, November 9th
- Guest Presentation: University of Alberta Sexual Assault Centre

READING WEEK! (NO CLASS NOVEMBER 13-16th)
Monday, November 19th
- Chapter 23: Mass Media and Communication (574-597) in *SCP*

Wednesday, November 21st
- Chapter 23: Mass Media and Communication (574-597) in *SCP*

Friday, November 23rd
- Chapter 24: The Environment (598-626) in *SCP*

Monday, November 26th
- Chapter 24: The Environment (598-626) in *SCP*

Wednesday, November 28th
- Chapter 25: Technology and Society (628-646) in *SCP*

Friday, November 30th
- Chapter 25: Technology and Society (628-646) in *SCP*

Monday, December 3rd
- Final exam review

Wednesday, December 5th
- Final exam review

Friday, December 7th
- Final exam review