

**University of Alberta**  
**SOCIOLOGY 203 LEC X50- Social Problems**  
**Winter 2017**

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CLASS TIME:	Wednesday 18h00-20h50
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**COURSE SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES**

This course introduces students to a sociological approach to social problems - a field that examines lived experiences that have both social causes and social consequences. We will examine the social factors that define a problem, raise our consciousness or call for social action. The course will cover selected structural issues in various societies including, inequality, population growth, race relations and family relations.

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**TEXTBOOK**

L. Tepperman and J. Curtis (2015). Social Problems: A Canadian Perspective (4<sup>th</sup> Edition). Oxford University Press. **(REQUIRED)**

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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT**

Course Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of the instructor. Note: SOC 203 cannot be taken by students with credits in SOC 102

Midterm Exam 1:	35%	<b>February 15</b>
Midterm Exam 2:	30%	<b>March 15</b>
Final Exam:	35%	<b>April 12</b>

Please note that if you miss the midterm exam, you must inform me with two days of the missed exam, or as soon as possible, in regards to the circumstance. If you fail to write the final exam, you must formally apply to your Faculty within two working days following the missed exam, or as soon as you are able, with regard to the circumstances underlying the absence, in order to be considered for a deferral. The decision to grant a deferred final exam is not the instructor's. Deferred examinations are intended to accommodate students who have experienced an incapacitating illness or severe domestic affliction; applications based on minor or inconsequential ailments will not be approved. Please also note that as stated in Attendance of the University Calendar, "a deferred examination will not be approved if a student (a) has not been in regular attendance where attendance and/or participation are required, and/or, (b) excluding the final exam, has completed less than half of the assigned work." Students granted a deferred final exam will write the exam on Saturday May 6, 2017 at 9:00 am.

Grading Scheme:

Descriptor	Letter Grade	Raw Grade	Grade Point Value
Excellent	A+	>95	4.0
	A	86-95	4.0
	A-	80-85	3.7
Good	B+	77-79	3.3
	B	74-76	3.0
	B-	70-73	2.7
Satisfactory	C+	67-69	2.3
	C	64-66	2.0
	C-	60-63	1.7
Minimal Pass	D+	55-59	1.3
	D	50-54	1.0
Failure	F	<50	0.0

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**NOTES FOR STUDENTS**

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

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## LECTURE SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

The following is designed to be a flexible schedule. When and how topics are covered in class may change, and we will complete all of the following only if time allows. Schedule changes may occur for a number of reasons including but not limited to: the availability of guest speakers, the interests and desires of the students, the pace and delivery of content, etc. Students are strongly advised to attend class and to keep informed of any changes that may occur. Video content shown in class will be examined on tests. As per University policy, dates for exams cannot change.

DATE	SUBJECT	READING
11-Jan	Syllabus/Introduction	Chapter 1
18-Jan	<b>NO CLASS</b>	
25-Jan	Class and Economic Inequality	Chapter 2
1-Feb	Race	Chapter 3
8-Feb	Gender and Sexuality	Chapter 4
15-Feb	<b>MIDTERM 1</b> Families	Chapter 11
22-Feb	READING WEEK	<b>NO CLASS</b>
1-Mar	Families/Health	Chapter 9
8-Mar	Populations	Chapter 14
15-Mar	<b>MIDTERM 2</b> Crime and Violence	Chapter 7
22-Mar	War and Terror	Chapter 10
29-Mar	The Environment	Chapter 15
5-Apr	Future Problems	Chapter 16
12-Apr	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	