

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY

CODE NO.: SOC 120 SEMESTER: WINTER

PROGRAM: VARIOUS POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 45

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide students with the means to achieve a sociological orientation or perspective to analysis of social events. The basis of sociology, i.e. its approaches to the study of society, community and social change, will be presented.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student

1. will execute critical assessment of social events
2. will define and use the basic vocabulary common to the discipline
3. will be able to describe how society, the individual, social structure and socialization are interrelated.

TOPICS AND SPECIFIC LEARNING GOALS

1. **The Foundations of Sociology: the Sociological Perspective**  
Chapter 1 and 2

Chapter 1

1. Define what is the sociological perspective and distinguish it from the perspectives of the other social sciences.
2. Describe the significance of the "sociological imagination."
3. Review the highlights of the history of sociology.

Chapter 2

1. Define objectivity, value-free and unbiased.
2. Define science and relate scientific process to the goal of objectivity.
3. Justify that sociology is a science by examining the challenges of sociological research.

2. **Culture - Chapter 3**

1. Define culture, the components of culture, social control and cultural change.
2. Describe the relationship of technology and culture.
3. Relate concepts of cultural diversity to ethnocentrism and cultural relativism.
4. Reflect on culture and human freedom.



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3. Society - Chapter 4

1. Describe the evolution of society as the evolution of technology.
2. Differentiate the perspectives of society held by Marx, Weber, Durkheim and the Lenskis.

4. Socialization - Chapter 5

1. Define the key vocabulary terms associated with socialization.
2. Explain how the socialization process develops or creates "self."
3. Describe the influence of nature vs. nurture in development of self.
4. Describe the particular socialization challenges characteristic of the distinctive stages of the life course.

5. Social Interaction in Everyday Life - Chapter 6

1. Define social structure, status, role and describe how these influence social behaviour.
2. Explain how social reality is constructed.
3. Review the theories and methods in observing social behaviour.
4. Describe the functions of language and the function of humour.

Note: These topics sometimes overlap several areas and are not necessarily intended to be explored in isolated learning units or in the above order.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS/CLASS ACTIVITIES

This course is designed to provide the student with as many opportunities as possible to gain an understanding of sociology through personal experience. A review of social experiences will be complemented by instruction on how to analyze what happens to us in the social world. The text, which is required reading, will provide the themes of study.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

Macionis, J.J.; Clarke, J.N.; Gerber, L.M. (1994). Sociology Canadian Edition. Scarborough: Prentice Hall Canada.

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EVALUATION METHOD

1. Written assignments. . . . .	30%
2. Tests. . . . .	70%
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Anyone who is incomplete in 30% or more of graded course components will receive a final grade of "R."

**NOTE:** Students who miss a test must notify the professor in advance if possible or at the earliest opportunity to request a rewrite. Allowing the rewrite is at the professor's discretion if the student has provided a reasonable excuse for the absence. Requests for rewrites will be denied if made one week or more after the test date.

GRADING METHOD

The grading system will be as follows:

- A+ = 90 - 100%
- A = 80 - 89%
- B = 70 - 79%
- C = 60 - 69%
- R = Unsatisfactory - below 60% (course must be repeated)

**Special Notes:** Students with an identified special need (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairment, hearing impairment, learning disability) are encouraged to discuss required accommodations confidentially with the instructor.