
SOC*1100 - Sociology

Summer 2024 Course Outline

Section: DE

Credits: 0.50

Land Acknowledgement: Guelph

The University of Guelph resides on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer respect to our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis neighbours. Today, this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples and acknowledging them reminds us of our important connection to this land where we work and learn.

Calendar Description

An introductory course dealing with the basic concepts and methods of sociology applied to societies, groups and individuals. Students will gain an understanding of basic social processes such as socialization, social exchange, deviance and conformity, social change and basic social institutions such as the economy, the polity, the family, religion, education.

Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Course Description

Welcome to Introduction to Sociology! This course is a survey course, that is, you will have an opportunity to survey the discipline of sociology. You cannot be introduced to the total richness of the sociological enterprise within the constraints of one semester, however you will be provided with the fundamental sociological perspective and some of the critical areas of broad research carved out by sociologists.

This course will provide the grounding that you will need for other, more specialized sociology courses (and your text will be a valuable resource throughout your university career). The concepts, perspectives and principles discussed in this course will provide you with an understanding of how society affects us humans – and how humans affect and create the society in which we negotiate our lives. Once we realize how society is inescapably **in** us, how our actions are essentially the residue of our culture (how we think and survive) and society (how we act and are organized), then we are empowered to not only react to social forces but to act **upon** those forces.

Instructor Information

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Summer 2024 Office Hours:

Students may opt to drop into office hours on Mondays from 5 PM to 7 PM beginning on May 13. Please note that further details will be posted in the Announcements. See also "Ask Your Instructor" in the Discussion Board

I have been a faculty member in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, at the University of Guelph since 2004. My research interests include social movements, gender and international development, land reform in Latin America, health-care policies, and nurses' working conditions in El Salvador and Nicaragua. More recently in my research I have been collaborating with service-providing non-profit organizations in Toronto on issues that affect the lives of the communities they serve. This has included research and a podcast on COVID impacts in a large, diverse neighbourhood in Toronto. Currently I'm leading a collaborative study on high-rise household waste in that community, researching barriers and opportunities for greater diversion and better waste practices in the apartment buildings.

Method of Delivery

This course is a fully interactive online course and requires disciplined time management. To successfully complete this course, it is essential that you begin work as of the first week of the course and participate regularly throughout the semester. You will be required to access the course website frequently (at least three times per week). Your ability to participate online regularly is critical to your success in this course.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Define and describe perspectives, theories, methods and core concepts from a sociological perspective
2. Apply key sociological theories to current news events and everyday life
3. Explain the development of the discipline and its place in contemporary society
4. Analyze perspectives of the social world according to one of the main sociological theorists
5. Describe how perspectives around sexuality, social and gender stratification, education, race and ethnicity and religion are intertwined with current perspectives of everyday life
6. Identify and think critically about social issues.

Learning Resources

Required Textbook

Title: Revel for Sociology, Access Card, 10/E (Mandatory)

Author(s): John J. Macionis, Linda M. Gerber, and Sandra Colavecchia

Edition / Year: 10th Canadian Edition / 2021

Publisher: Pearson Canada Inc.

ISBN: 9780135461563

Important note: No standalone printed textbook will be available. Instead, you are required to purchase **Revel for Sociology** to complete the course activities and/or assessments.

You may purchase the textbook at the Guelph Campus Co-op Bookstore (<https://bookstore.coop/>) or the University of Guelph Bookstore (<http://www.bookstore.uoguelph.ca/>). Please note that DE textbooks are located in the Distance Education section of the University of Guelph Bookstore

Course Materials

This course requires the use or purchase of **Revel** to complete the course activities and/or assessments. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have all of the required materials for the course.

Course Website

CourseLink (<https://courselink.uoguelph.ca/shared/login/login.html>) (powered by D2L's Brightspace) is the course website and will act as your classroom. It is recommended that you log in to your course website every day to check for announcements, access course materials, and review the weekly schedule and assignment requirements.

Campus Resources

If you are concerned about any aspect of your academic program: Make an appointment with a Program Counsellor (<https://www.uoguelph.ca/uaic/programcounsellors/>) in your degree program. If you are struggling to succeed academically: There are numerous academic resources offered by the Learning Commons (<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/using-library/spaces/learning-commons/>) including, Supported Learning Groups for a variety of courses, workshops related to time management, taking multiple choice exams, and general study skills.

Library Course Reserve (Ares)

For this course, you will be required to access course reserve materials through the University of Guelph McLaughlin Library. To access these items, select **Ares** on the navbar in CourseLink. Note that you will need your Central Login ID and password in order to access items on reserve.

For further instructions on accessing reserve resources, visit How to Get Course Reserve Materials (<https://lib.uoguelph.ca/find/course-reserves-ares/how-get-course-reserve-material/>).

If at any point during the course you have difficulty accessing reserve materials, please contact the e-Learning Operations and Reserve Services staff at:

Tel: 519-824-4120 ext. 53621 | Email: libres2@uoguelph.ca | Location: McLaughlin Library, First Floor, University of Guelph

Teaching and Learning Activities

Method of Learning

The first two weeks of the course provide a foundation to sociology as a discipline and then the remaining weeks explore various sociological topics. Learning occurs through reading, discussion with peers, videos and other web links and materials.