**SOC2080 Rural Sociology Winter 2024 Short Syllabus (subject to revision)**

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This course will provide students with an introduction to Rural Sociology. Throughout the semester, students will learn important sociological principles and make conceptual connections as they relate to rural communities in Canada and abroad. The course will utilize the Community Capitals Framework to further one’s understanding regarding the reciprocal impact of multiple capitals on rural communities. Key topics include, but are not limited to: climate change, Covid-19, community health and wellbeing, outmigration, and resiliency. While the geographic focus of the course will be on North America, we will also explore connections to rural people and landscapes around the world.

The class will be delivered as a blend of in-person lectures and asynchronous content (i.e., independent study).