

Sociology of Adolescence Winter 2024

SOC 204R

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Class Schedule

Course	Meet Days	Meet Time	Location	Instructor(s)
SOC 204R 081 [LEC]			ONLN - Online	N. Sanderson nbsander@uwaterloo...

schedule data automatically refreshed daily

Instructor & TA (Teaching Assistant) Information

Use the LEARN Course Discussions forum to communicate with your instructor and classmates. Discussion topics can be accessed in LEARN by clicking **Connect** and then **Discussions** on the course navigation bar.

For questions of a personal nature, please email your instructor:

Instructor: Nicole Sanderson

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Course Description

Calendar Description for SOC 204R:

The social definitions of adolescence in cross-cultural and historical perspective. Social roles of adolescents in the institutional structures of urban-industrial societies with special emphasis on the family, education, and the economy. The relationship of adolescents' social roles to processes of social change and stability.

This course takes a sociological approach to the study of youth and adolescence within a Canadian context. The goals of this course are to understand how the period of adolescent development is socially constructed and how the 'lived experiences' of youth are influenced by the intersections of varying identities and social locations as well as by social institutions such as friends, families and schools. Throughout this course, we will examine the complexity of adolescence and the variability of adolescent experiences from the perspective of critical youth studies.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course students should be able to:

Be able to describe the evolution of the interdisciplinary field of youth studies and the various theories that have informed it over time.

Connect theory and everyday practice of professionals working in the multidisciplinary field of youth studies.

Reflect on exemplars of youth-created social action; connecting theoretical and professional knowledge to the limitations and strengths of such actions.

Introduce, and explain and critically reflect on social issues that are important to today's youth.

Identify social actions that are effective in terms of portraying a positive and proactive image of youth trying to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Tentative Course Schedule

Please see the Course Schedule in LEARN for complete details.

Texts / Materials

Title / Name	Notes / Comments	Required
Côté, J.E. (2014). Youth studies: Fundamental issues and debate. New York: Palgrave and MacMillan.		Yes

For textbook ordering information, please contact the [W Store | Course Materials + Supplies](https://wstore.uwaterloo.ca/) (<https://wstore.uwaterloo.ca/>).

[Course reserves for students](https://uwaterloo.ca/library/services/course-reserves-students) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/library/services/course-reserves-students>) are used in this course. Course Reserves can be accessed using the **Library Resources** widget on the **Course Home** page in LEARN.

[SOC 204R Subject Guides](https://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/sociology/soc204R) (<https://subjectguides.uwaterloo.ca/sociology/soc204R>).

Student Assessment

Component	Value
Introduce Yourself	Ungraded
Discussions	Ungraded. Some Discussions are part of Assignment 2.
Quizzes (10 x 1% each)	10%
Assignment 1: Theories that Inform Youth Studies	35%
Assignment 2: Discussions and Reflection Response to Digital Stories	15%
Assignment 3: Social Issues that Impact Youth	40%

Assignment Screening

Text matching software (Turnitin) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all material and sources in assignments is documented. In the first week of the term, details will be provided about

the arrangements for the use of Turnitin and alternatives in this course. See Administrative Policy below for more information and links.

Administrative Policy

Course Policies

Late Assignments and Related Concerns

Due dates are firm. You are responsible for informing your instructor in advance if you are unable to complete an assignment by the scheduled date. Missed due dates are only acceptable in the case of medical problems (with a medical note), for serious compassionate reasons, or as a pre-arranged accommodation for students with disabilities. Late submissions, without advance permission, will be given a 10% reduction in the total possible grade for each 24-hours after the due date. No assignments will be accepted if submitted more than one week after the deadline.

Difficulty with assignments is not a sufficient reason for an extension. Any student who finds himself / herself struggling with an assignment during the term is encouraged to meet with the instructor as soon as possible to discuss strategies for success. It is important to begin assignments well in advance of the due date in case of problems.

Quizzes will be closed on the due dates specified in the Course Schedule.

Class and Readings Expectations

I like an open, honest and easy going learning environment, with a relaxed, but professional atmosphere. In order to have that type of atmosphere, it requires that you complete your weekly readings, participate in discussion activities and complete assignments. All required readings are found in the readings section of each weekly content page.

In addition to the required weekly readings, I have included some recommended readings that give you additional insight into current theoretical debates and research being conducted in Canada in the area of Youth Studies. These readings highlight how the everyday lives of youth can be examined through a sociological lens.

Department Policies

A Respectful Living and Learning Environment For All

1. It is expected that everyone living, learning or working in the Renison University College community will contribute to an environment of tolerance and respect by treating others with sensitivity and civility.
2. Harassment is unwanted attention in the form of jokes, insults, gestures, gossip, or other behaviours that are meant to intimidate. Some instances of harassment are against the law in addition to Renison University College policy.
3. Discrimination is treating people differently because of their race, disability, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, colour, age, creed, marital status, or other personal characteristics. The Ontario Human Rights Code considers actions and behaviours rather than intentions.
4. If you experience or witness either harassment or discrimination, you may contact the Director of Human Resources for Renison University College.

Intellectual Property

Students should be aware that this course contains the intellectual property of the instructor, which can include:

- lecture handouts and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint slides)
- lecture content, both spoken and written (and any audio or video recording thereof)
- questions from various types of assessments (e.g., assignments, quizzes, tests, final exams)

- work protected by copyright (i.e., any work authored by the instructor)

Making available the intellectual property of instructors without their express written consent (e.g., uploading lecture notes or assignments to an online repository) is considered theft of intellectual property and subject to disciplinary sanctions as described in Policy 71 – Student Discipline. Students who become aware of the availability of what may be their instructor's intellectual property in online repositories are encouraged to alert the instructor.

Professional Conduct Policy

Preamble

The School of Social Work adheres to the Canadian Association for Social Work Education's (CASWE) Accreditation Standards. In abiding by the standards of the national governing body, CASWE, the School of Social Work provides students and the surrounding communities a measure of confidence regarding competent, well-prepared professional social workers at the undergraduate and graduate level.

The School of Social Work and the agencies providing field education share in the responsibility to assist students to develop the skills to conduct themselves in a professional manner both in the classroom and in the field.

Policy Statement

The School of Social Work sets expectations of student' conduct consistent with the expectations of professional conduct for practicing social workers. Based upon CASW Code of Ethics as well as workplace ethics, the student is expected to demonstrate commitment to their social work education as well as honesty, responsibility, reliability and courtesy. Communication is the foundation of professional conduct.

Procedural Guidelines

The student is expected to focus their attention on the class and/or instruction being provided.

Use of a personal computer or phone for reasons unrelated to course content, is not acceptable during on campus classes.

Attendance is expected in all social work courses and in the practicum setting. The student must make every effort to inform the instructor as early as possible prior to any absence (on campus or online) in a professional manner. In last minute circumstances (e.g. accident) the student must notify the instructor at the earliest possible time.

In order to support the student learning journey in the School of Social Work, students with any unexplained or unjustified absence will be informed of such, in writing, with the Director of the School of Social Work copied in. For professional clarity and consistent communication practices, any further absences will be documented in writing to the student with the Director of the School of Social Work copied in. The Director of the School of Social Work will follow up at their discretion. (Updated October 2014)

Petitions, Grievances, Appeals

The School of Social Work and Renison University College are committed to the view that when a problem or disagreement arises between a faculty member and a student every effort should be made to resolve the problem through mutual and respectful negotiation. Most issues are resolved by a student/faculty meeting to discuss differences of opinion. It is only after this stage that a student initiates a grievance. Petitions and grievances in the School of Social Work are handled under [Policy 70](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70). (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>).

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. The faculty and staff in Arts encourage students to seek out mental health support if they are needed.

On Campus

- [Counselling Services](https://uwaterloo.ca/campus-wellness/counselling-services) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/campus-wellness/counselling-services>) 519-888-4096
- [MATES](https://wusa.ca/services/uw-mates) (<https://wusa.ca/services/uw-mates>): one-to-one peer support program offered by the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) and Counselling Services

Off campus, 24/7

- [Good2Talk](https://good2talk.ca/) (<https://good2talk.ca/>): Free confidential help line for post-secondary students. Phone: 1-866-925-5454
- Grand River Hospital: Emergency care for mental health crisis. Phone: 519-749-4300 ext. 6880
- [Here 24/7](https://here247.ca/) (<https://here247.ca/>): Mental Health and Crisis Service Team. Phone: 1-844-437-3247
- [OK2BME](https://ok2bme.ca/) (<https://ok2bme.ca/>): set of support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning teens in Waterloo. Phone: 519-884-0000 extension 213

Full details can be found online in on the [Faculty of Arts Student Support](https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/undergraduate/student-support/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/undergraduate/student-support/>) page.

Download the [WatSafe app](https://uwaterloo.ca/watsafe/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/watsafe/>) to your phone to quickly access mental health support information

Territorial Acknowledgement

With gratitude, we acknowledge that Renison University College is located on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Hodinohsyó:ni, and Attawandaran (Neutral) Peoples, which is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River from mouth to source. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place in all corners of our campus through research, learning, teaching, community building and outreach. We are guided by the work of our Reconciliation and Re-storying Steering Committee and Anti-Racism and Decolonization Spokesouncil, as well as the [University of Waterloo's Office of Indigenous Relations](https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/>).

University Policy

Academic integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. [Check [the Office of Academic Integrity](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/>) for more information.]

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of their university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department's administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for their actions. [Check [the Office of Academic Integrity](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/>) for more information.] A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate associate dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71, Student Discipline](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/guidelines/guidelines-assessment-penalties) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/guidelines/guidelines-assessment-penalties>).

Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>), (other than a petition) or [Policy 71, Student Discipline](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes they have a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72, Student Appeals](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72>).

Note for students with disabilities: [AccessAbility Services](https://uwaterloo.ca/accessability-services/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/accessability-services/>), located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term.

Turnitin.com: Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students' submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit alternate assignment.