Soc 101 Introduction to Sociology  (Section 001)
Sociology Department, University of Waterloo (Winter 2012)
Meeting Time: Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:50pm
Location: Humanities Theatre  HH 159

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Required Text:
(This textbook is unique to this section of Sociology 101. It is available at the UW Bookstore.)

Note: You need to ensure that the access card for Pearson’s "MY SocLab" is included in your purchase. You may also consider purchasing the electronic copy of the text at a reduced cost. (The “My SocLab” from Pearson does not have any course graded features or component. It may be a useful course resource for your study purposes.)

Course Description:

Sociology 101 is an introduction to the basic concepts and frames of reference of sociological investigation and interpretation. Topics will include the basics of sociological theory, culture, socialization, groups and organizations, crime and deviance, social stratification and class, global stratification, race and ethnic relations, sex and gender, power politics and government and religion.

Throughout the course the topics for discussion will be examined within the framework of relevant sociological theory.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

1. Identify the purpose of Sociology and the types of questions and research strategies used to understand and explain issues, organizations and institutions in society.
2. Differentiate between macro and micro analyses of society.
3. Describe the historical development of sociology, its major founders (Marx, Durkheim, Weber etc.) and their main ideas and contributions.
4. Apply and formulate explanations of social issues and institutions utilizing the major sociological perspectives.
5. Recognize and apply the specific sociological terms, definitions and concepts.

Course learning outcomes, assignments, midterm and exam:

Mid-Term Examination  (Wednesday February 8, 2012.)  25%
Course Assignment  (Wednesday February 29, 2012)  20%
Final Examination:  (Date and time set by Registrar’s Office)  55%

It is expected that all students will complete the required readings. Students are responsible for attending all scheduled classes and recording notes that reflect class discussions and lecture topics. The Mid-Term Examination, the course assignment, and the final exam will be set on the assumption that the required chapters from the assigned course textbook have been read. All topics discussed in class and presentations by guest speakers may be the subject of assignment, test or examination question items.

In order to facilitate success in the course, each student will need to logon to “Waterloo Learn” with a user name and password.

Course Contacts:
Your main contact with questions regarding this course is the Lead TA, Alyshia Bestard. She will be responsible for updating the course website (UW Learn) with announcements and generally helping you. Please direct all of your course-related questions to her. Her email address is: abestard@uwaterloo.ca and her office is: PAS 2075. There are additional TAs for this course to help you along the way and grade your assignment. TAs will hold office hours throughout the term. If you need to speak with a TA in-person you should see a TA during office hours. Please see the course website (UW Learn) for TA office hours each week. Assignment grading will be divided among all of the TAs for this course and you will be a specific TA for assignment grading purposes later in the term. Until then please direct your questions to Alyshia and/or see any of the TAs in-person during their office hours (posted on UW Learn).
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**Mid-Term Examination: 25% of overall course grade**
There will be one multiple choice course review test consisting of 40 to 50 questions. This examination will be administered in class and each student will be assigned a set time and location for the mid-term examination. Students must be present at the appointed time and location in order to write the mid-term examination.

**Course Assignment: 20% of overall course grade**

There will be one course assignment. The assignment will be a written reflection to a discussion issue presented in class and submitted online through the course website on the required due date specified in the online course schedule.

**Final Examination: 55% of overall course grade**

The final examination will consist of multiple choice and true/false type questions and will cover the entire scope of the topics discussed in class and in the assigned readings.

Please Read the Following Notices:

**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.

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm)

**Grievance:** “Students who believe that they have been wrongfully or unjustly penalized have the right to grieve; refer to policy #70, Student Grievance, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/policy70.html](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/policy70.html).”

**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm)

"Note on avoidance of academic offenses: All students registered in the courses of the Faculty of Arts are expected to know what constitutes an academic offense, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for their academic actions. When the commission of an offense is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline) which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (p.1:11). If you need help in learning how to avoid offenses such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission, or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean.”

**Appeals:** A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm)

**Please take note of the following:**

1. It is your responsibility to complete each required course component by the date and time assigned to you on the University of Waterloo Learn course website.

2. It is also your responsibility to complete each required course component by the date and time described on the University of Waterloo Learn website.

3. Course components will not be re-set unless caused by verified technical difficulties.

4. The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar’s office.

5. Special Needs Students:
Students with disabilities or special needs are advised to contact the Office for Students With Disabilities, Needles Hall for information regarding its services and resources. Students are encouraged to review the Calendar for information regarding all services available on campus.

Each student will be able to access your specific course section by logging-on to the course Waterloo Learn website with your University of Waterloo username and ID.

8. Any missed course components that are caused by technical conditions beyond a student's control will be resolved on an individual basis.

Outline of Session Topics and Readings  See the online course schedule for the mid-term examination date and time and the assignment due date.

**Session 1: Wednesday January 4, 2012.**

What is Sociology?
Introduction to Sociological Perspectives
Classical Sociological Theories
The Sociological Imagination


**Session 2: Wednesday January 11, 2012.**

Modern Sociological Theories
Research Methods and Ethics


**Session 3: Wednesday January 18, 2012.**

Culture
Socialization


**Session 4: Wednesday January 25, 2012.**

Socialization
Social Inequality

Session 5: Wednesday February 1, 2012.

Social Inequality
Education


Session Six: Wednesday February 8, 2012.

Mid-term Examination

Question items will include all course text and class lecture material up to and including Session Five. Detailed instructions regarding the mid-term examination will be given in class and on the course website. Each student will be assigned a specific date, location and time to write the course mid-term examination.

Session Seven: Wednesday February 15, 2012.

Religion


February 20 to February 24, 2012 Reading Week


Gender


Course assignment is due. Please see submission drop-box instructions on the course website.

Crime, Law and Regulation


**Session Ten: Wednesday March 14, 2012.**

Mass Media


**Sessions Eleven: Wednesday March 21, 2012.**

Globalization


**Session Twelve: Wednesday March 28, 2012.**

The Global Environment


**Final Exam:** *Please refer to the course website for Final Examination Details.*