



The University of Western Ontario

Sociology 2239: Social Inequality UWO, Section 001

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Class Session:
Mondays, 2:30 to 5:20 p.m., SSC 2028

Office Hours:
Tuesdays 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Course Description:

Social inequality is the sub-discipline within Sociology which focuses on how society is divided into unequal layers. In this course we deal with the major theories for explaining how inequality comes about. We then explore the different dimensions of inequality: class, gender, race/ethnicity, etc. Canada is a hierarchically structured country and so we explore social inequality at the national level. In the latter half of the course we deal with global inequality between nations and between the world's people.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 from Sociology 1020, 1021E, 1025A/B, 1026F/G, 1027A/B.

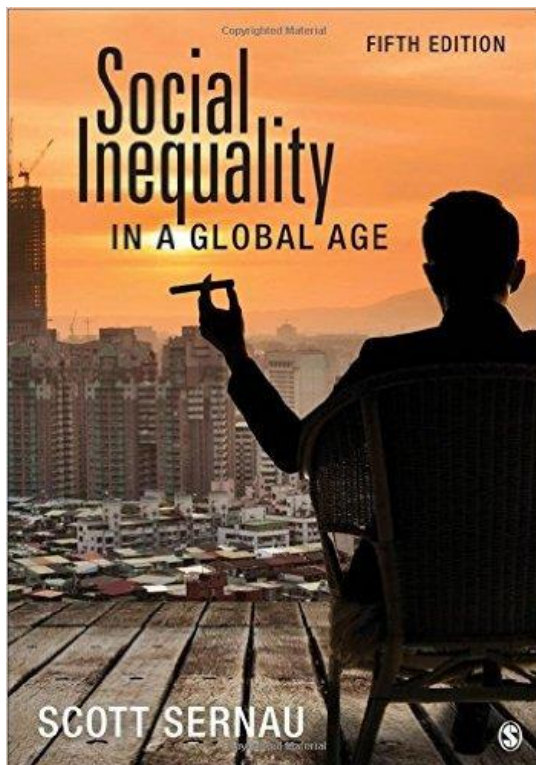
Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Learning Outcomes:

When students have successfully completed this course, they should be able to:

- ✓ identify the main bases of inequality within society
- ✓ develop an understanding of sociological theories of inequality and be able to describe and apply them to instances of inequality within society
- ✓ develop an understanding of the interconnections of race, class, gender, sexuality, disability, etc. and their role in social inequality
- ✓ understand and describe inequality at a global level

Required Text(s):



Social Inequality in a Global Age, 5th Edition by Scott Sernau, Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications, Inc. (2017).

There are additional readings posted on the OWL site.

Evaluation:

<i>Class participation</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Group projects</i>	<i>20% (see details on the OWL class site)</i>
<i>1st Mid-Term Exam</i>	<i>20% October 24</i>
<i>2nd Mid-Term Exam</i>	<i>23% February 13</i>
<i>Final Exam</i>	<i>27% per UWO exam schedule</i>

Exams:

The exams for this class will be a combination of multiple choice (70% of the exam grade) and essay (30% of the exam grade). Computer-marked multiple choice exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. No electronic devices will be allowed during exams.

Group Projects:

The details of the group project will be posted on the OWL site for the course and discussed in class on or before October 3, 2016.

How to Contact Me:

Please feel free to speak to me after class or during class breaks. If you are not in class the best way to contact me is to stop by during my office hours. Otherwise I can be reached by email or by leaving a voice mail message.

How to get important information:

Please check the announcements for the course and check the OWL site for the course regularly.

Important Policies

A Note on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence (the Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

Policy on Laptops and other Electronics/Phones in Class:

Laptops are permitted in class at the discretion of the professor for note taking or any other purpose approved by the professor. If, however, they are used for personal purposes during class time (Facebook, e-mail, web surfing, gaming, etc.) the privilege of using laptops may be withdrawn. Using laptops is a privilege, not a right.

Cellphones , Blackberries, and similar devices, must be turned *OFF* (not just vibrate) during classes unless specific permission is sought for emergency purposes in a given class. Text messaging and Twittering are not permitted during class.

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html

Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website:

www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Mental Health

Students who are in **emotional/mental distress** should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html) for a complete list of options how to obtain help.

Course Schedule and Readings: To be posted on OWL.