



**Sociology 1021E-650  
Introduction to Sociology  
Summer 2016  
Distance Studies**

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**Course Description:**

This course will provide a general introduction to the study of human society. It is designed to familiarize the student with the basic concepts and explanations commonly utilized within the major areas of sociological investigation.

**Pre-Requisites:** N/A

**Antirequisite(s):** [Sociology 1020](#), [1025A/B](#), [1026F/G](#) or [1027A/B](#)

**Course Portal**

The on-line version of Introduction to Sociology makes use of SAKAI/OWL a course management system found on the University's server: <https://owl.uwo.ca>

Once you have entered the above URL, you will be prompted for your user name and password. Information about getting started with on-line courses can be found by accessing the Distance Studies Office.

**\*\*Note:** It is very important that you familiarize yourself with OWL and the course site

Much of the material for this course has been placed on the class homepage established on the SAKAI/OWL learning system and students are expected to log in to their OWL account (and the class homepage) during the first week of class in order to insure that everything is working properly. The homepage for this course will contain a number of different folders that will contain things like the course outline, lectures, grades, instructions for assessments, link for uploading to Turnitin.com, etc.

## Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Use their sociological imagination and demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between individual experience and societal reality
2. Demonstrate clear understanding of, and ability to apply sociological theory to an analysis of real life events and to scholarly activities
3. Research and write a critical methodological and theoretical paper on a selected topic
4. Communicate with clear critical reading, thinking and analytical skills the ideas and concepts learned in the course.

## Required Text

The text for this course is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian edition of **Sociology in Action** (ISBN978-0-17-653204-8) by *Diane Symbaluk and Tami M. Bereska*

The hardcopy of this text is available for \$110.05 from the Western Bookstore:

<https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/9780176532048>

6-month access to the ebook is available for \$55.95 through the publisher's website:

<http://www.nelsonbrain.com/shop/search/9780176532048>

## Additional Readings

▪Note that additional readings may be added during the course. These can be accessed through UWO E-Journals and are library-linked on the OWL site.

## Method of Evaluation

ASSESSMENT	
First Half	Due Date
<b>Posted Discussion Question #1: 5%</b>	June 13
<b>Midterm Exam: 25%</b>	Saturday 18 June
<b>Participation: 5%</b> (Ongoing)	
<b>Total at Midterm = 35% of Final Grade</b>	N/A

ASSESSMENT	
Second Half	Due Date
<b>Posted Discussion Question #2: 5%</b>	July 11
<b>Essay: 25%</b>	July 18
<b>Final Exam: 30%</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Week in August – TBD
<b>Participation: 5%</b>	Ongoing

### Evaluation Breakdown:

#### Posted Discussion Questions:

Part of your grade in this course will be based on two separately posted formal discussion questions. These questions will be posted in the Discussions section of the course under a separate topic category (e.g. Discussion #1, Discussion #2).

The question will be posted one week before the discussion question is due. The due date of the discussion questions is noted above in this course outline. Once the question is posted, students will have one week to contribute to the discussion.

There will be no excuses accepted for late submissions as everyone has an entire week in which to log on and overcome any difficulties that may unexpectedly arise. It is clearly indicated on the course outline when these discussions will take place. Therefore, holidays, other school/ work commitments will not suffice as excuses.

There are no make-up assignments. If you do not post a response, you receive a zero to be fair to your classmates.

## **Participation Grade:**

Your grade for class participation will be based on your submissions to the participation section of the discussions areas. You will be assessed for both the frequency and the quality of your participation.

Examples of things you may want to discuss:

- Respond to one of the questions asked in the course notes
- Share your academic thoughts or ideas on the readings
- Apply aspects of the course material to current events or life experiences
- Respond to a comment of another student

To receive marks for this section, it is NOT enough to merely say that you liked or disliked a reading, topic, point in the lecture notes, etc. – you must explain your position using the course content to support your position.

Vigorous academic debate is encouraged. However, students are reminded that in any classroom, courtesy and mutual respect are vital elements of a collegial atmosphere. **Hateful remarks, unscholarly examples, or personal attacks are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.**

## **Class Discussions:**

There will be a general discussion forum to ask questions about assignments, exams, etc. I encourage students to respond to one another in this section. I am constantly reading your questions but I do not always respond to every post. It is important in an online course to 'get to know one another' and this is most often facilitated through discussions.

If you have a personal question about grades or assignments, please send me an email at [dheywood@uwo.ca](mailto:dheywood@uwo.ca) rather than posting in the discussion forum.

## **Midterm and Final Exams:**

Exams will be based on the material covered in the online material and assigned readings. Both exams will be 2 hours in length. Each of the exams could consist of multiple choice, true and false and written questions.

\*Note: Both the midterm and final exams for this course must be taken in person at a designated exam location. The specific location will be provided by distance studies closer to the exam date.

## Essay:

Sociology 1021E is a designated essay course and as such, each “student is required to demonstrate competence in essay writing to pass the course.”

[www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/registration\\_progression\\_grad/coursenumbering.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/registration_progression_grad/coursenumbering.pdf)

Furthermore, as stated in the academic calendar, “[t]he structure of the essay course must be such that in order to pass the course, the student “must exhibit some minimal level of competence in essay writing and the appropriate level of knowledge of the content of the course.”

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It is imperative that you submit an essay in order to pass. You must receive 50% or above on your essay in order to pass the course. Complete essay guidelines concerning topic, essay format, expectations, etc. will be posted on the course site in the evaluations (Assignment) section. Your essay (2000 words, 6-7 pages) will examine an important topic of sociological concern. You will be graded on both form and content. Your essay must be submitted on time. You will be using the assignment submission feature of OWL to submit your essay (Note: Do not email me your paper). Your essay must be submitted on no later than **11:55 PM (Eastern Time Zone) on the due date, July 18, 2016**. Assignments submitted to OWL are date and time stamped.

Late Essays: There is a 3% deduction, per day (including weekends), for essays submitted past the deadline (for example, if you received 76% on your essay, but it was 2 days late, you would receive a 70%). After 14 days, no essay will be accepted and will automatically receive a 0.

## Contact Information:

PLEASE send me an email message at [dheywood@uwo.ca](mailto:dheywood@uwo.ca). Expect a response within 24 hours except for weekends.

**Note that for matters related to exam centres and accommodations you need to contact the Distance Education Office during the period Mondays – Fridays at: 519-661-2100 or [contact@uwo.ca](mailto:contact@uwo.ca)**

## 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:**

Students may be required to submit their assignments to turnitin.com on the class WebCT website after they are completed. These papers will be subject to submission for textual originality.

## **Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness**

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://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](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 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website: [http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated\\_exams.html](http://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: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://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/](http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/)) for a complete list of options

## **Technical Problems Submitting Assignments:**

Technical Problems are not considered a valid reason for late assignments. It is recommended that you submit your assignment long before the 11:55PM deadline on the due date.

## Course Schedule & Readings

<b>Week 1: May 9</b>	<b>Week 7: June 20</b>
<i>What is Sociology/Seeing &amp; Acting through the lens of Sociology</i> Readings: Text, Ch.1 & Mills Article	<i>Race &amp; Ethnicity</i> Reading: Text Ch.8
<b>Week 2: May 16</b>	<b>Week 8: June 27</b>
<i>Research Methods in Sociology</i> Reading: Text Ch.2	<i>Family</i> Reading: Text Ch.9
<b>Week 3: May 23</b>	<b>Week 9: July 4</b>
<i>Culture/What is Canadian Culture?</i> Reading: Text Ch. 3	<i>Religion, Education &amp; Science</i> Reading: Text: Ch. 10  <b>*DISCUSSION QUESTION 2 POSTED</b>
<b>Week 4: May 30</b>	<b>Week 10: July11</b>
<i>Socialization, Self &amp; Society</i> Reading: Text Ch.4	<i>Social Control, Crime &amp; Deviance</i> Reading: Text Ch. 11
<b>Week 5: June 6</b>	<b>Week 11: July18</b>
<i>Social Inequality in Canada &amp; The Sociology of Health &amp; Illness</i> Reading: Text Chs. 5 & 12  <b>DISCUSSION QUESTION 1 POSTED</b>	<i>Social Change &amp; Environmental Sociology</i> Reading: Text Chs. 13 & 14
<b>Week 6: June 13</b>	<b>Week 12: July 25</b>
<i>Gender, Sex and Sexualities</i> Reading: Text Ch. 7	<i>Mass Media, Globalization and an Interconnected World</i> Reading: Chs. 6 & 15
<b>MIDTERM EXAM : Saturday 18 June</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM TBA</b>
<b>Covers content of Weeks 1-6</b>	