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The final outline with full information will be available on OWL
as of the first day of the class

**SOCIOLOGY 4488G-001: Selected Topics:
Immigration and Immigrant Integration in Canada
Theory and Practice
Winter 2021
Schedule TBA/Online (Synchronous)**

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Office Hours (on Zoom): Thursdays (11am -1pm)

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3 hours, 0.5 course

Course Description

This course aims to develop insights and skill sets for applied social science research in the field of immigration and immigrant integration. In doing so, the course will draw on sociological and demographic literature on migration and incorporation of immigrants to establish foundational knowledge, including the key theory, concepts, research methods, and facts/trends. Additionally, students will gain “real life” insights from a series of guest lectures by experts/stakeholders, invited from governmental and non-governmental sectors, who will be asked to speak about the nature of their work and the issues that they face in their field. Based on the insights from academic literature and guest lectures, students will then be tasked with identifying a gap in the research and knowledge base, and develop and conduct mini research projects that will address the issues that the stakeholders face.

This course will be run synchronously on Zoom. The first part of the class time will be used for discussion based on the assigned readings, while the latter part of the class is allocated for research project workshops, in which students will develop research questions, design, analysis and reports by exchanging ideas in class.

Prerequisite(s):

- Enrolment in fourth year of one of the Honours Specializations or Honours Double Majors in Sociology or Criminology

Antirequisites: None

Technical Requirement:

- Stable internet connection
- Laptop or computer
- Working microphone
- Working webcam

Learning Outcomes

Through these course activities, students will be able to:

- gain *deep* and *operational knowledge* of key concepts and conceptual frameworks in the area of immigration and immigrant integration research;
- familiarize themselves with *leading research and research tools* on immigration and integration/settlement research in Canada;
- learn about *pressing issues* on immigration and immigrants settlement/integration in today's Canadian context; and
- develop *insights* on how to develop sociological research relevant for policy fields and local communities and *research skills* to offer evidence-based explanation and “solution” to local issues.

Required Texts:

Selected readings will be assigned for each week and they will be on the course website under OWL. To access them, please make sure you are enrolled on the course website through OWL.

Students are expected to have read the assigned readings and prepared for discussion by identifying the concepts and arguments in the readings as well as your reflections on them.

Method of Evaluation (Dates and Formats are tentative, and will be finalized in the full draft of the outline)

A: Take-home Quiz: 20%

B: Course project: 80%

Evaluation Breakdown

A: Take-home Quiz (20%) consisting of a set of short answer questions, which ask students to provide definitions and descriptions of the key concepts, facts, and terminologies covered in the first part of the course.

Format: It will be an **open book quiz** and administered **online**. A set of questions will be posted on a specified date, and students are asked to submit the answer through the course website under the OWL in one week time (around Week 4 or 5).

Date: TBA

B: Course project (CP) (80%): Based on the presentations by the guest speakers, the class will discuss and select a few topics for course projects. Then, students will be tasked to develop a mini research project.

There will be 5 assignments associated with the course project. The assignments are designed to cover each step of the research process through a progression. Based on the writing in the previous assignments, new components will be added along the way. The final paper will be produced by combining and revising the contents from the previous assignments.

Specific deadline for each assignment will be announced by the start of the course. Meanwhile, the approximate timing is offered.

- **CP1:Topic statement, general research question, 5% (max. 3 pages)**
Due: TBA (around Week 6)
- **CP2: Revised topic statement/research question, literature, hypothesis, 5% (max. 5 pages)**
Due: TBA (around Week 7)
- **CP3:Data search/interpretation 20% (max. 10 pages)**
Due: TBA (around Week 10)
- **CP4:Mini-Presentation of research project 15% (Zoom presentation)**
Date: Last class (Week 12)
- **CP5:Final report 35% (max. 12 Pages)**
Due: Monday, April 5th @ 5pm

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How to get important course information:

For information about the course, please read the course outline carefully. Also, check your email and course website for announcements.