



The University of Western Ontario

Sociology 2228B: Social Inequality in Canada UWO, Section 001

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Class Session:
Wednesdays, 1:30 to 4:30 pm TC 205

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Tuesdays 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. or
by appointment

Course Description:

Social inequality is the study of the causes and consequences of the unequal distribution of prestige, power and wealth and of the ideologies used to defend and criticize inequality. This course focuses on social inequality within Canadian society and its institutions.

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

Antirequisite(s): Sociology 2239.

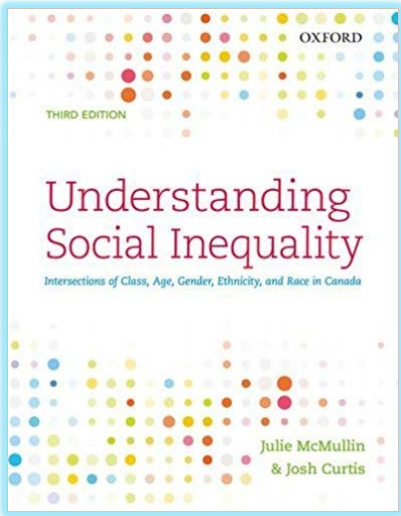
Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped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

Learning Outcomes:

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

- ✓ **To develop an appreciation why inequality matters**
- ✓ **To identify and discuss the main bases of inequality within society: race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, disability, age, etc.**
- ✓ **To develop an understanding of sociological theories of inequality and to be able to describe and apply them to instances of inequality within society.**
- ✓ **To develop an understanding of the interconnections of the different bases of inequality and their overlapping roles in social inequality**
- ✓ **To explore the various outcomes of inequality within particular institutional settings, for example, within families, work and the economy, health, education, the state, etc. in Canada.**

Required Text(s):



Understanding Social Inequality: Intersections of Class, Age, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race in Canada, 3rd Edition by Julie McMullin and Josh Curtis, Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.

Additional readings will be posted on the OWL site.

Evaluation:

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| Assignment | 26% (see the OWL course site) |
| Midterm Exam | 37% (due February 16) |
| Final Exam | 37% per UWO exam schedule |

Assignment:

The details for the Assignment will be posted on the OWL site for the course.

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.

The final exam will be scheduled during the examination period. The final exam is NOT CUMULATIVE and focuses primarily on the material covered in the second half of the course; however, some questions may relate to earlier material (i.e. concepts that are re-examined in the second half of the course).

Course delivery with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic

Although the intent is for this course to be delivered in-person, the changing COVID-19 landscape may necessitate some or all of the course to be delivered online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any assessments affected will be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

When deemed necessary, tests and examinations in this course will be conducted using a remote proctoring service. By taking this course, you are consenting to the use of this software and acknowledge that you will be required to provide personal information (including some biometric data) and the session will be recorded. Completion of this course will require you to have a reliable internet connection and a device that meets the technical requirements for this service. More information about this remote proctoring service, including

technical requirements, is available on Western's Remote Proctoring website at:
<https://remoteproctoring.uwo.ca>.

How to Contact Me:

The best way to contact me is via email.

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: https://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/academic_consideration.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.

READINGS FOR SOCIAL INEQUALITY IN CANADA
SOCIOLOGY 2228B/Section 001

| Week | Topics/Readings | Pages |
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| January 12 | Introduction & Getting Started | Mc&C, Ch. 1:3-20 |
| January 19 | Class and Inequality | Mc&C, Ch. 2:21-46 |
| January 26 | Gender and Inequality | Mc&C, Ch. 3:47-67 |
| February 2 | Race, Ethnicity and Inequality | Mc&C, Ch. 4:68-93 |
| February 9 | Age and Inequality | Mc&C, Ch. 5:94-118 |
| Midterm Exam Worth 37% (in class on February 16) | | |
| February 23 | Reading Week | No Assigned Reading |
| March 2 | Actors, Agency and Social Structure | Mc&C, Chs. 6 and 7:119-156 |
| March 9 | Inequality and Families | Mc&C, Ch. 8:158-187 |
| March 16 | Inequality and Paid Work | Mc&C, Ch. 9:188-216 |
| March 23 | Inequality and Education | Mc&C, Ch. 10:217-252 |
| March 30 | Inequality and Health | Mc&C, Ch. 11:253-291 |
| April 6 | Inequality and the State | Mc&C, Chs. 12 and 13:292-331 |
| Final Exam Worth 37% (as per UWO schedule between April 10 and April 30) | | |