



The University of Western Ontario

**SOCIOLOGY 2247B SECTION 001
Sociology of Health Care Winter 2022**

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm or by appointment

Class Time: Tuesdays 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Classroom: SSC 2032 Lectures will be online on Zoom until restrictions are lifted.

Course Description

This course examines the history of health care and Medicare in Canada and how the health care system is meeting the needs of Canadians today. We will look at the organization and structure, provision, and medicalization of health care in Canada. The ‘profession’ of medicine, the face of contemporary midwifery, complementary and alternative medicine, and the pharmaceutical industry will be studied. We will look at the treatment of addictions and the health care for transgender and gender diverse individuals. We will also examine policies regarding vaccinations, blood donations, etc., as well as the globalization of health care.

Prerequisites: 1.0 from Sociology 1020, 1021E, 1025A/B, 1026F/G, 1027A/B

Antirequisites: Sociology 2245 or former Health Sciences 245

Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded, that all course prerequisites have been successfully completed, and that they are aware of any antirequisite course(s) that they have taken. If the student does not have the requisites for a course, and does not have written special permission from his or her Dean to enroll in the course, the University reserves the right to cancel the student’s registration in the course. This decision may not be appealed. Financial and academic penalties will apply to a student who is dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Required Text

1. Nancarrow-Clarke, J. (2020). Health, Illness and Medicine in Canada. 8th ed. Oxford University Press.
2. Additional readings will be posted on OWL.

Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, students will

- acquire detailed knowledge of the field of health care in Canada.
- understand the history and evolution of the Canadian health-care system.
- gain an awareness of the problematic issues regarding the Canadian health care system.
- develop an understanding of the specialized treatments for select populations.
- be encouraged to consider and discuss issues related to the sociology of health care in class.
- develop their ability to draw on sociological sources and writing skills to construct a paper.

How to Contact Me

I will be available to meet with you before and after lectures, in my office hours on Tuesdays between 4:00 to 5:00 pm, or by appointment. You are welcome to communicate with me through messages on OWL. I will respond to messages on OWL within 48 hours Monday to Friday between 9 and 6.

Evaluation Breakdown

Evaluation element	Worth	Dates
Midterm Exam	35%	March 1 st
Paper – 6 to 8 pages	20%	March 22 nd
Participation	10%	Throughout term
Final Exam	35%	During April Exam Period

Paper

You will be required to write a paper related to the sociology of health care. You will be given several topic options to choose from. Students will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of the course materials, and to incorporate material discussed in class and outside sources. Details will be available at the beginning of the course. A late penalty of 5% per day including weekends will be applied.

Participation

Students will have the opportunity to obtain 10% of their grade by engaging in the course and responding to posted discussion questions. More details will be posted on OWL.

Midterm and Final Exams

The midterms and final examination are NOT cumulative and will cover all course material, including lectures, PP slides, assigned readings, videos, guest presenters, etc. for the weeks outlined on the

Schedule of Classes. They could include multiple choice and/or short answer questions, definitions, and true/false questions.

Grades

Due to privacy regulations, I am unable to send marks or discuss issues regarding grades by email. Final exam grades will be posted on OWL once they have been approved by the department. PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO extra work assigned for the purpose of improving grades. It is unfair to other students in the class who are not given the same opportunity. Also, I am unable to increase marks unless warranted. PLEASE DON'T ASK!

In keeping with departmental grade guidelines, it is expected that the class average for this course will be around 72%. Should the final overall grades yield a value significantly lower, grades will be adjusted upward to ensure an appropriate mean for the class.

Important Policies

Policies for Assignment Deadlines:

All assignments must be posted on OWL with the due date. Late submissions will be penalized 5% per day including weekends.

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).

Policies on Examinations

No electronic devices will be allowed during examinations.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Policy on Missed Exams

Make-up exams will be granted with approved documentation only. If you have a conflict with an exam date, it is your responsibility to discuss it with the Academic Counseling office as soon as possible, but no later than one week before the regularly scheduled exam and provide documentation of the conflict. If approved, you will be allowed to schedule a make-up exam.

If you miss an exam (this includes make-up exams) due to illness or for any other unforeseen reason, please notify me by email **within 24 hours** of the missed exam because I need to know that you missed the exam. You then must provide notification and documentation to your Academic Counselor **within 48 hours**. If your problem is medical in nature, you should be seen by your doctor on the date of the exam. If your Academic Counselor agrees that your reasons are legitimate and are supported by your medical doctor's documentation, you will be allowed to write a make-up exam. Make-up exams and extensions for assignment deadlines will be granted with approved documentation only. If you have a conflict with one of the exam dates, it is your responsibility to discuss it with the Academic Counseling office as soon as possible, but no later than one week before the regularly scheduled exam and provide documentation of the conflict. If approved, you will be allowed to schedule a make-up exam.

Academic Consideration for Missed Work

Students who are seeking academic consideration for missed work during the semester may submit a *Self-Reported Absence (SRA)* form online provided that the absence is **48 hours or less** and the other conditions specified in the [Senate policy](#) are met. Two important exceptions to this rule: SRAs will NOT be allowed for final examinations or assessments worth more than 30% of a given course. Students whose absences are expected to last **longer than 48 hours**, or where the other conditions detailed in the policy are not met (e.g., work is worth more than 30% of the final grade, the student has already used 2 self-reported absences, the absence is during the final exam period), may receive academic consideration by submitting a [Student Medical Certificate](#) (for illness) or other appropriate documentation (for compassionate grounds) to your Home Faculty Academic Counselling office.

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.

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

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/academics/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 (www.uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/) for a complete list of options how to obtain help.