



The University of Western Ontario  
**SOCIOLOGY 1025B-001**  
**Society and You**  
**Winter 2024**

**Delivery Method: In-person**

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**Course Description:** This course introduces the sociological imagination to help understand how underlying social forces shape our lives and how we, as individuals, can change society. The course explores key social problems, and how they shape our life courses and shift the demographic makeup of our society.

***Prerequisite(s):*** None

***Anti-requisite(s):*** Sociology 1020, Sociology 1020W/X, Sociology 1021E

**Communication:**

Office hours: Thursdays from 12pm to 1pm or by appointment (SSC 5401). Email: [lphil33@uwo.ca](mailto:lphil33@uwo.ca). Emails received after normal business hours (i.e., 8:30am to 4pm) may not be replied to until the next business day, and students should plan accordingly ahead of evaluation dates. Additionally, email is not suitable for questions requiring considerable exposition; these questions are suited for in-person exchange during office hours. Office hours are drop-in and first come, first serve. Students are responsible for checking the course OWL site (<http://owl.uwo.ca>) on a regular basis for news and updates. This is the primary method by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class.

**Method of Evaluation:**

The evaluation methods described in the course outline are essential requirements for the course.

Midterm examination	February 15, 2024	35%
Article Summary	March 14, 2024	20%
Final Examination	Exam period	45%

***Midterm and Final Exam***

This course will consist of two examinations (midterm and final). The midterm will be written in class. The final examination will be written during the final exam period, with the date and location determined by the registrar's office. Both will consist of predominantly multiple-choice questions but they may also contain true or false, fill-in-the-blank, or short answer questions. The detailed format of the examination, including the number of questions, will be provided prior to the exam date. The final exam will be cumulative but there will be a greater focus on material from the second half of the course. The material on the exams will cover both assigned readings

and in-person instruction. No electronic devices, books, cheat sheets, dictionaries or aids are permitted.

### ***Article Summary***

Students will summarize a peer-reviewed sociology journal article (a list of articles will be provided in OWL). Article summaries are between **three and four double-spaced pages**. The summary should include (a) a detailed summary of the article, including the author(s) main point(s), whether the article used qualitative or quantitative methods, the specific methodology used (secondary data, semi-structured interviews, content analysis etc.), and the main findings/results; (b) an in-depth discussion of how the articles relates to topics that we have discussed in class, and (c) a personal reaction to the article including, but not limited to, what you found interesting about the article and why. Students must also include a references page and use American Sociological Association (ASA) referencing style, and this references page **does not** count toward the assignment length requirement. Assignments will be submitted online.

### **Student Absences:**

If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness or other serious circumstances, please follow the procedures below.

#### ***Assessments worth 10% or more of the overall course grade***

For work totaling 10% or more of the final course grade, students must provide valid medical or supporting documentation to their Home Faculty Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible.

#### ***Late assignments with accommodation***

Any student receiving academic accommodation for an assignment will receive an extension. Students receiving academic accommodation for an exam will write a Special Exam, typically scheduled by the Department of Sociology. See 'absences from examinations' below.

#### ***Late assignments without accommodation***

Any assignment submitted after the deadline, without academic accommodation, will receive an automatic 10% penalty. If an assignment is submitted more than one full week late, an additional 10% penalty will apply.

#### ***Absences from Examinations***

Students must provide valid medical or supporting documentation to their Home Faculty Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible. Academic Counselling will determine eligibility to write a Special Examination.

Students with an approved absence from an in-class test or exam will be required to write a makeup exam. Course professor or teaching assistant(s) may not be available to respond to questions during the makeup exam. Students should be aware that the make-up test will not necessarily be in the same format, be of the same duration, or cover the same material as the original test.

### **Academic Policies:**

#### ***Lectures and Course Materials***

Instructor-generated course materials (e.g., handouts, notes, summaries, exam questions, etc.) are protected by law and may not be copied or distributed in any form or in any medium without explicit permission of the instructor. Note that infringement of copyright is an academic offence.

### ***Recording Lectures***

Recording lectures is not permitted. Some of the topics we discuss may be sensitive. If students choose to share personal stories or experiences they should not worry that they are being recorded. If you require a recording device for medical or other reasons, please see me.

### ***Electronic Devices***

All types of technology are welcome in my class, ***but they must not interfere with my lecture or distract other students***. Please note, research suggests students do better when taking notes by hand. If your electronic device distracts me or another student, you will be asked to put it away and not permitted to use them for the remainder of the class. Cell phones should be turned to silent at the beginning of class.

### ***Extra Credit***

Extra credit will be offered at my discretion. In the rare event that extra credit is offered, it will never be offered on an individual basis; all extra credit opportunities will be offered to the entire class.

### ***Additional Important Policies***

Please review the Department of Sociology “[Important Academic Policies](#)” document

[https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic\\_Policies.pdf](https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic_Policies.pdf) for additional information regarding:

- Scholastic Offences
- Plagiarism
- Copyright
- Academic Accommodation
- Accessibility Options
- Mental Health