



The University of Western Ontario
SOCIOLOGY 2227A
Social Change and Development
Fall 2023
In-Person

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This is a DRAFT only. Please see the course site for the final version.

Course Description: This course examines the sources, patterns and consequences of social change, in North America and globally, and in both historical and contemporary contexts.

Pre-requisite(s): None

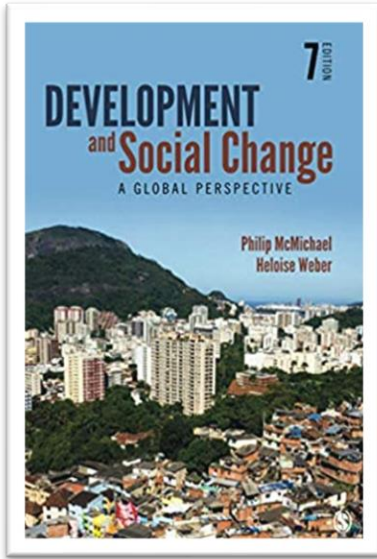
Anti-requisite(s): The former Sociology 2237.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

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

- ✓ examine and explore the complex processes involved in social change
- ✓ distinguish and understand the multiple theories and explanations for social change
- ✓ understand and explain the relationship between the emergence of colonialism and development
- ✓ using capitalism as the example, explain and understand how one social system has changed and expanded over time

Required Text(s):



Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective, 7th Edition by Philip McMichael and Heloise Weber, Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE Publications Inc. (2022).

Additional readings will be posted on the OWL site.

Communication:

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.

Please feel free to speak to me after class or during class breaks. If you are not in class, the best way to contact me is to stop by during my office hours. Otherwise, I can be reached by email or by leaving a voice mail message.

Evaluation:

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

<i>Country Development Report</i>	<i>26% (see the OWL course site for details)</i>
<i>Midterm Exam</i>	<i>37% (October 26th)</i>
<i>Final Exam</i>	<i>37% per UWO exam schedule</i>

Country Development Report:

The details for the Country Development Report assignment will be posted on the OWL site for the course. There is some flexibility regarding due dates. You will be asked to choose your own due date—by midnight (11:59 pm) on the Thursday of your choosing starting November 9 through December 7. Late submissions will be penalized by 5% if the submission deadline is missed. They will be penalized by an additional 2% for each day of lateness. The latest due date for submission is December 7 at 11:59 p.m. No essays will be accepted after 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2023.

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).

Students with an approved absence from an in-class test or exam will be required to write a makeup exam. I may or 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.

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.

Extensions will be granted in accord with recommendations for accommodation from the student's Home Faculty Academic Counselling Office and new due dates for submission will be set.

Academic Policies:

Please review the Department of Sociology "[Important Academic Policies](https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic_Policies.pdf)" document https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic_Policies.pdf for additional information regarding:

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

General Course Outline

PLEASE NOTE: Ideally, readings should be completed before coming to class. **Additional readings will be posted on the OWL site for the course.**

Sept 7 Introduction

READING: No assigned readings.

Sept 14 Development

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 1:1-25

Sept 21 The End of Poverty

READING: No assigned readings.

Sept 28 Instituting the Development Project

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 2:27-58

Oct 5 The Development Project: An International Framework

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 3:59-91

Oct 12 Instituting the Globalization Project

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 4:95-132

Oct 19 The Globalization Project

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 5:133-165

Oct 26 Mid-Term Exam

Nov 2 Reading Week

Nov 9 Global Countermovements

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 6:167-200

Nov 16 The Globalization Project in Crisis

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 7:203-237

Nov 23 Development Climate, or The Nature of Development

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 8:239-270

Nov 30 Public and Local Green Initiatives

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 9:271-298

Dec 7 Toward Sustainable Development

READING: McMichael and Weber, Ch. 10:299-334

December 10-22 Final Examination Period