



The University of Western Ontario
SOCIOLOGY 1025A- 650
Society and You
Summer 2023
Online - Asynchronous

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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. It also helps us understand the relationship between problems we face as individuals and issues in society as a whole. We focus on three core issues: inequality, institutions, and social change.

Prerequisite(s): none

Unless you have either the prerequisites or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in the course, 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.

Anti-requisite(s): [Sociology 1020](#), [Sociology 1020W/X](#), [Sociology 1021E](#).

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

This course provides a foundational knowledge in the sociological theory, concepts and methods used by sociologists for studying the social world. In particular, students will:

- Use their sociological imaginations to demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between social structure and individual agency.
- Explain and apply core sociological terms, concepts, and theories.
- Understand the methodological tools used by sociologists to study the social world.
- Understand dimensions of social inequality in our society.
- Develop critical thinking, research, and writing skills.

Course Material: Steckley, John. 2020. *Elements of Sociology*, 5th Edition. Oxford University Press, Don Mills Ontario.

Communication:

Office hours: Wednesdays 12-1 online or by appointment. Please email me to set up an appointment time.

Email: azavitzg@uwo.ca.

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	Saturday, May, 27 2023	40%
Final Examination	Saturday, June, 17 2023	40%
Weekly Assessments	Due on Saturday by 11:59pm EST each week	20%

Weekly Assignments

Students will complete four assignments for a total of 20%. The assignments are worth 5% each. The due dates for the assignments are listed in the detailed course information below. Students must include a references page and use American Sociological Association (ASA) referencing style. These assignments must be submitted to the “submission” tab on OWL before 11:59 pm EST on the date that they are due. The wordcount for each assignment will be listed on the assignments specifically as each will vary. Students will be offered five assignments throughout the course and only the top 4 will count towards their final grade.

Midterm / Final Examination

The examinations will consist of roughly 100 (midterm) and 100 (final) multiple-choice questions. Both the midterm and the final exam will be **written online** and are open book. The midterm and the final will both be timed. You will have 120 minutes to complete 100 multiple choice questions. This is not enough time to “look up” all your answers. The exams will open at 7 am on the Saturday and you will have until 11:59 pm EST to complete the exam. Once the exam is opened, you will only have 120 minutes to complete the exam. The final exam will be **cumulative** but there will be a far greater focus on material from the second half of the course.

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.

Workload: This is a fourteen-week course put into six weeks. Students should expect a large workload. Students should expect to be online multiple times a week. Students are required to complete required readings as well as

lecture notes and online assignments where they will apply the information learned in lectures and from the readings.

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 less than 10% of the overall course grade:

I will offer 5 assignments and only count the student's best 4 (5% each).

No other accommodation will be provided.

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 final examinations' below.

Late assignments without accommodation

Any assignment submitted after the deadline, without academic accommodation, will receive an automatic 20% penalty. If an assignment is submitted more than one full week late, an additional 10% penalty will apply.

Absences from midterm and final 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 exam will be required to write a makeup exam. Course professor may not be available to respond to questions during the makeup exam. Students should be aware that the makeup test will not necessarily be in the same format, be of the same duration, or cover the same material as the original test.

Course Schedule and Readings:

Date	Material covered	Readings and Assessments
May 8, 2023	<p>What is sociology?</p> <p>Sociological Imagination</p> <p>Sociological theory</p> <p>Research Methods</p>	<p>Chapter 1-2</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 1</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 1</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 2</p> <p>Assignment 1 - due Saturday May 13, 2023, by 11:59 pm (worth 5%)</p>
May 15, 2023	<p>How to we learn about society?</p> <p>Socialization</p> <p>Culture</p> <p>Social Interactions and Roles</p>	<p>Chapters 3, 4, 5</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 3</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 4</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 5</p> <p>Assignment 2 - due Saturday May 20, 2023, by 11:59 pm (worth 5%)</p>
May 22, 2023	<p>Deviance and Midterm</p> <p>Deviance</p> <p>Midterm *online</p>	<p>Steckley, Chapter 6</p> <p>Midterm Exam - Saturday May 27, 2023 (online)</p> <p>Midterm covers chapters 1-6 (Midterm worth 40%)</p>
May 29, 2023	<p>Social Inequalities</p> <p>Social Stratification</p> <p>Gender and Sex Inequality</p> <p>“Race” and Ethnicity</p>	<p>Steckley, Chapter 7</p> <p>Steckley, Chapter 8</p> <p>Steckley Chapter 9</p>

		Assignment 3 - due Saturday June 3, 2023, by 11:59 pm (worth 5%)
June 5, 2023	Public Institutions Education Health	Steckley Chapter 12 Steckley Chapter 13 Assignment 4 - due Saturday June 10, 2023, by 11:59 pm (worth 5%)
June 12, 2023	“Private” Institutions Family Religion	Steckley, Chapter 10 Steckley, Chapter 11 Assignment 5 – due Sunday June 18, 2023, by 11:59 pm (worth 5%)
June 19, 2023	Collective Behavior Social Movements and Change Final exam *online	Steckley, Chapter 15 Final Exam- Saturday June 17, 2023 (online) (Final exam worth 40%)

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