



The University of Western Ontario  
**SOCIOLOGY 1027B-650**  
**Life is Not Always Fair**  
**Summer 2023 (June 19th-July 28<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Online-Asynchronous**

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**Course Description:**

In this introductory sociology course, we will challenge commonly held assumptions about individual success, talent and merit. Students will be introduced to important sociological debates about the nature of inequality, and how different social institutions and processes are implicated in the creation and maintenance of this inequality.

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

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

**Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Challenge common-sense assumptions about success and failure.
- Compare and contrast different sociological perspectives regarding the life experiences and outcomes of different social groups.
- Analyze the relationships between a range of social institutions and wider social structures.
- Apply key sociological concepts and perspectives to current news events and everyday life.
- Critically evaluate possibilities for social programs and reform.
- Use a university library database.

**Course Material:**

Corrigall-Brown, Catherine. 2023. *Imagining Sociology: An Introduction with Readings*. Third Edition. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

*Note:* Hard copy physical book or e-book may be used for this course.

**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. Since

this is a condensed course, regular updates will appear in OWL a few times a week (such as announcements and video reminders).

**Email:** [dhameli@uwo.ca](mailto:dhameli@uwo.ca)

**Zoom:** A Zoom link will be posted in OWL for virtual office hours.

### **Method of Evaluation:**

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

*See Course Schedule for due dates and other detailed information.*

Module Quizzes (10 x1%)

Midterm Exam (40%)

Library Research and Academic Integrity Quiz (10%)

Final Exam (40%)

### **Evaluation Overview:**

**Module Quizzes (10x1%):** There will be 12 content modules (two per week) in this condensed course. Ten of these modules will have an associated timed quiz (worth 1% each). The quizzes will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

**Midterm Exam (40%):** The midterm exam will cover content from Weeks 1-3 and Modules 1-6. Testable material will include information found within each Module (videos, online activities, readings) and textbook chapters. The exam will consist of multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer questions. A *Test Prep Module* will be available in OWL and will outline further details of the test.

**Library Research Assignment and Academic Integrity Content Quiz (10%):** As a 1000-level course, this assignment and quiz assists in the development of key research skills and knowledge required for students at this level. Students will use the library website and other university resources to complete the various tasks in this assignment. The associated quiz will also assess knowledge about APA referencing, plagiarism, and academic integrity. Further information about this assignment and quiz can be found in the *Assignments Module* within the OWL course site.

**Final Exam (40%):** The final exam will cover content from Weeks 4-6 and Modules 6-12. Testable material will include information found within each Module (videos, online activities, readings) and textbook chapters. The exam will consist of multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer questions. A *Test Prep Module* will be available in OWL and will outline further details of the 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 less than 10% of the overall course grade:***

Please contact your instructor to discuss academic considerations. Please note that a one-to-one meeting via Zoom may be required. A meeting with academic counsellors is *not* required for assessments worth less than 10% of the final course grade.

***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. Once this process is complete, students are to contact the instructor to make further arrangements.

**\*Course Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Module Topics</b>	<b>Chapters</b>	<b>Submissions</b>
1	June 19 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome and <b>Course Information Module</b>  <b>Module 1:</b> The Sociological Imagination  <b>Module 2:</b> Socialization- Becoming a Member of Society	Chapter 1    Chapter 2	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before June 24 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm  Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before June 24 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm
2	June 25 <sup>th</sup> -June 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Module 3:</b> Deviance, Law, & Crime  <b>Module 4:</b> Social Inequality & Social Class	Chapter 3   Chapter 4	Module Quiz (1%)   Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before June 30 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm
3	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Module 5:</b>	Chapter 5	Module Quiz (1%)

		Globalization & Global Inequality  <b>Module 6:</b> Race, Ethnicity, & Indigenous Peoples  <b>Test Prep Module</b>	Chapter 6  Review Modules 1-6	Due on or before July 5 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm  <b>Midterm Exam (40%)</b> Due on or before July 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm
4	July 9 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Module 7:</b> Gender at the Intersections  <b>Module 8:</b> The Media	Chapter 7  Chapter 8	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 15 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm  Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 15 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm
5	July 16 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Module 9:</b> The Family  <b>Module 10:</b> Education and Work  Assignment Prep Module	Chapter 9  Chapters 10 and 11	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 19 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm  Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 11:59pm  Library Research Assignment and Academic Integrity Content Quiz (10%) Due on or before July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 11:59pm
6	July 23 <sup>rd</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Module 11:</b> Health  <b>Module 12:</b> Change through Policy & The Law	Chapter 12  Chapters 13+14	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:59pm

		Social Movements		
Final Exam Week	July 30th – Aug 3rd	<b>Exam Prep Module</b>	Review Modules 7-12	<b>Final Exam (40%)</b>

*\*Course content subject to change. Final version will be posted in OWL at the start of class.*

### Important Dates:

<b>June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b> -Second term 6-week half-courses (0.5) begin.
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023</b> -Last day to add a course
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023</b> -Canada Day
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b> -Last day to drop a 6-week second term half course without academic penalty
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b> - Second-term 6-week half courses (0.5) end
<b>July 31<sup>st</sup>-Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023</b> -Examination period

### 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](https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/courses/Academic_Policies.pdf) for additional information regarding:

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