



The University of Western Ontario
SOCIOLOGY1027B-650
Life is Not Always Fair
Department of Sociology
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Online-Asynchronous

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Course Description:

This introductory course challenges commonly held assumptions about individual success, talent and merit. Students will be introduced to underlying patterns and important debates about the nature of power and inequality, and how they shape issues such as work, family, education, the economy, and the pursuit of justice.

Prerequisite(s): None

Anti-requisite(s): Sociology1020, Sociology 1020W/X, Sociology1021E

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.

Technical Requirements: Stable internet connection, computer with working microphone and/or webcam, regular access to Brightspace, access to Zoom for optional office hours.

Communication:

Students are responsible for checking the Brightspace course site 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 Brightspace a few times a week (i.e. announcements and video reminders).

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

Method of Evaluation:

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

Module Quizzes (10x1%): There will be 12 content modules (two per week) in this condensed course. These modules will have an associated timed quiz counted towards the final mark (1% each, complete 10 of 12). The quizzes will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

Midterm Exam (40%) July 6: 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 the possibility of short answer questions. A *Test Prep Module* will be available in Brightspace and will outline further details of the test.

Library Research Assignment and Academic Integrity Content Quiz (10%) July 20: 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 Brightspace course site.

Final Exam (40%) Date TBA: 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 the possibility of short answer questions. A *Test Prep Module* will be available in Brightspace 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 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.

Students with an approved absence from an exam will be required to write a 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.

Week	Date	Module Topics	Chapters	Submissions
1	June 17-22	<p>Welcome and</p> <p>Course Information Module</p> <p>Module 1:</p> <p>The Sociological Imagination</p> <p>Module 2:</p> <p>Socialization- Becoming a Member of Society</p>	<p>Chapter 1</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>	<p>Module Quiz (1%)</p> <p>Due on or before June 22nd 11:59pm</p> <p>Module Quiz (1%)</p> <p>Due on or before June 22nd 11:59pm</p>
2	June 23-29	<p>Module 3:</p> <p>Deviance, Law, & Crime</p> <p>Module 4:</p> <p>Social Inequality & Social Class</p>	<p>Chapter 3</p> <p>Chapter 4</p>	<p>Module Quiz (1%)</p> <p>Due on or before June 29th 11:59pm</p> <p>Module Quiz (1%)</p> <p>Due on or before June 29th 11:59pm</p>
3	June 30-July 6	<p>Module 5:</p> <p>Globalization & Global Inequality</p> <p>Module 6:</p> <p>Race, Ethnicity, & Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Test Prep Module</p>	<p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Review Modules 1-6</p>	<p>Module Quiz (1%)</p> <p>Due on or before July 6th 11:59pm</p> <p>Midterm Exam (40%) Due on or before July 6th 11:59pm</p>
4	July 7-13	<p>Module 7:</p> <p>Gender at the Intersections</p>	Chapter 7	<p>Module Quiz (1%)</p> <p>Due on or before July 13th 11:59pm</p>

		Module 8: The Media	Chapter 8	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 13th 11:59pm
5	July 14-20	Module 9: The Family and Intimate Relationships Module 10: Education and Work Assignment Prep Module	Chapter 9 Chapters 10 and 11	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 19th 11:59pm Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 19th 11:59pm Library Research Assignment and Academic Integrity Content Quiz (10%) Due on or before July 20th 11:59pm
6	July 21-26	Module 11: Health Module 12: Change through Policy & The Law, Social Movements	Chapter 12 Chapters 13+14	Module Quiz (1%) Due on or before July 26 th 11:59pm
Final Exam Week	July 30-Aug 3	Exam Prep Module	Review Modules 7- 12	Final Exam (40%)

Important Dates:

June 17th, 2024-Second term 6-week half-courses (0.5) begin.
June 21st, 2024-Last day to add a course
July 1st, 2024-Canada Day
July 15th, 2023 -Last day to drop a 6-week second term half course without academic penalty
July 26th, 2023- Second-term 6-week half courses (0.5) end
July 29th -Aug 1st, 2024-Examination period

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

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

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