

SOCIOL 1ZO3 (Online Course): Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2020

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Course Objectives

In this course we will explore a range of topics studied by sociologists to help us understand our social world and our place in it. A sociological perspective illuminates how personal choices and individual destinies are shaped by society. There are a range of topics covered in this course including sociological theory, research methods, culture, socialization, media, intimate relationships and families, gender and sexualities, inequality, race and ethnicity, globalization, work and the economy, deviance and crime, and health and aging. Please note that theory is an important component of readings and online content in this course.

Course Requirements

All tests are online. Please note that the tests for this course are written on the specific dates (and windows of time) listed below. Students do not get to choose when they write their tests. If a student is not able to write a test during the specified time listed, university policy requires the student to submit documentation which entails meeting with an advisor in the student's Faculty office. Regular MSAFs cannot be used for this course as they can only be used for work that is worth less than 25% of a final mark in a course. Please note that make-up tests (for those who are granted permission to write a make-up test) are written approximately one week later and may include a written long answer component. Here are the test dates and times:

Test 1: Tuesday May 19, 2020 7pm-8:30pm*

Test 2: Tuesday June 2, 2020 7pm-8:30pm*

Test 3: Thursday June 11, 2020 7pm-8:30pm*

Test 4: Thursday June 18, 2020 7pm-8:30pm*

*Avenue will make the test available for 90 minutes on these dates, however once the test is open the student will only have 60 minutes to complete the test. This means that you need to open the test by 7:30pm to be able to have the full 60 minutes to complete the test.

Academic Misconduct

Students are required to complete tests on their own. Working with others on tests is considered cheating and all universities have significant penalties for academic misconduct. Copying test questions also constitutes academic misconduct. Please read the section at the end of the syllabus about penalties for academic misconduct. It is important for all students to understand what the penalties are for cheating. It is particularly important for students who take online courses with online tests to understand that they must complete this work on their own without the help of others. The penalties for cheating (working with others or copying test questions) can include suspension or expulsion from the university.

Learning Outcomes

The learning outcomes of this course are consistent with McMaster's Undergraduate Degree Level Expectations. (see

<http://ccl.mcmaster.ca/COU/pdf/Undergraduate%20Degree%20Level%20Expectations.pdf>).

The learning outcomes of this courses include developing a depth and breadth of knowledge in sociology and the development of critical thinking skills.

Avenue-to-Learn

This is an online course available through Avenue-to-Learn. Students will work through weekly online modules to complete the course. There are no in-person lectures or tutorials.

Evaluation

<p>Test 1: Tuesday May 19, 2020 7pm-8:30pm*</p> <p>Multiple Choice, True/False questions (No Long Answer Component)</p> <p>*Avenue will make all tests for this course available for 90 minutes, however once the test is open the student will only have 60 minutes to complete it. This means that you need to open the test by 7:30pm to be able to have the full 60 minutes to complete the test.</p>	<p>Worth 25%, Test will cover Modules 1-3</p>
<p>Test 2: Tuesday June 2, 2020 7pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Multiple Choice, True/False questions and Long Answer Question</p>	<p>Worth 25%, Test will cover Modules 4-6</p>
<p>Test 3: Thursday June 11, 2020 7pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Multiple Choice, True/False questions, and a long answer component may be added to test 3. Students will be informed ahead of time if a long answer component will be added.</p>	<p>Worth 25%, Test will cover Modules 7-9</p>
<p>Test 4: Thursday June 18, 2020 7pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Multiple Choice, True/False questions (No Long Answer</p>	<p>Test worth 25%, Test will cover Modules 10-12</p>

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Required Reading

Brym, Robert J. 2016. *New Society*. **8th** Edition. Thomson Nelson. **Do not use earlier editions of the textbook.** An etext version of *New Society* will be available. Details will be posted on Avenue to Learn.

Course Schedule

Readings for each module are listed in Avenue to Learn.

Dates	Topic/Module	Evaluation
May 4-8	Module 1: Introduction to Sociology and Sociological Theories Module 2: Research Methods	
May 11-15	Module 3: Culture Module 4: Socialization	
May 19-22	Module 5: Families Module 6: Mass Media	Test 1: Tuesday May 19, 2020 7pm-8:30pm Avenue will make the test available for 90 minutes on Tuesday May 19 between 7pm and 8:30pm, however once the test is open the student will only have 60 minutes to complete the test. Test 1 will cover Modules 1-3 Multiple Choice, True/False questions (No Long Answer Component)
May 25-29	Module 7: Gender and Sexualities Module 8: Social Stratification and Gender Inequality	

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June 1-5	Module 9: Race and Ethnicity Module 10: Globalization and Work and the Economy	<p>Test 2: Tuesday June 2, 2020 7pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Avenue will make the test available for 90 minutes on Monday June 1 between 7pm and 8:30pm, however once the test is open the student will only have 60 minutes to complete the test.</p> <p>Test 2 will cover Modules 4-6 Multiple Choice, True/False questions and Long Answer Question</p>
June 8-12	Module 11: Deviance and Crime	<p>Test 3: Thursday June 11, 2020 7pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Avenue will make the test available for 90 minutes on Thursday June 11 between 7pm and 8:30pm, however once the test is open the student will only have 60 minutes to complete the test.</p> <p>Test 3 will cover Modules 7-9 Multiple Choice, True/False questions, and a long answer component may be added to test 3. Students will be informed ahead of time if a long answer component will be added.</p>
June 15-18	Module 12: Health and Aging	<p>Test 4: Thursday June 18, 2020 7pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Avenue will make the test available for 90 minutes on Thursday June 18 between 7pm and 8:30pm, however once the test is open the student will only have 60 minutes to complete the test.</p> <p>Test 4 will cover Modules 10-12 Multiple Choice, True/False questions (No Long Answer Component)</p>

***All times Eastern**

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic dishonesty consists of misrepresentation by deception or by other fraudulent means and can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university.

It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various kinds of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, specifically Appendix 3, located at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/AcademicIntegrity.pdf>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

Do NOT fax assignments. Please see your instructor for the most appropriate way to submit assignments.

The Sociology staff do NOT date-stamp assignments, nor do they monitor the submission or return of papers.

The McMaster Student Absence Form (<http://www.mcmaster.ca/msaf/>) is a self reporting tool for Undergraduate Students to report absences that last up to 3 days and provides the ability to request accommodation for any missed academic work. Please note, this tool cannot be used during any final examination period.

You may submit a maximum of 1 Academic Work Missed request per term. It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with your instructor immediately regarding the nature of the accommodation.

If you are absent more than 3 days, exceed 1 request per term, or are absent for a reason other than medical, you MUST visit your Associate Dean's Office (Faculty Office). You may be required to provide supporting documentation.

This form should be filled out when you are about to return to class after your absence.

Students should check the web, the white board and the Undergraduate Bulletin board outside the Sociology office (KTH-627) for notices pertaining to Sociology classes or departmental

business (eg. class scheduling information, location of mailboxes and offices, tutorial information, class cancellations, balloting, TA job postings, etc.).

Computer use in the classroom is intended to facilitate learning in that particular lecture or tutorial. At the discretion of the instructor, students using a computer for any other purpose may be required to turn the computer off for the remainder of the lecture or tutorial.

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check his/her McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

Effective September 1, 2010, it is the policy of the Faculty of Social Sciences that all e-mail communication sent from students to instructors (including TAs), and from students to staff, must originate from the student's own McMaster University e-mail account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that communication is sent to the university from a McMaster account. If an instructor becomes aware that a communication has come from an alternate address, the instructor may not reply at his or her discretion.