SOCI 210: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES  
FALL 2015

Where & When: STBIO N2/2 Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:35-9:55 AM  
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Course Description:
Sociology 210 is a prerequisite for several courses and is a requirement for all sociology programs. It is organized to introduce you to the discipline of sociology and to prepare you to take additional sociology classes. More specifically, the course has three specific objectives: (1) to introduce you to common sociological subjects and concepts; (2) to introduce you to the different perspective within sociology; (3) to encourage you to think deeply, critically, and coherently about our social world.

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Evaluation
Your grade for this course will be determined by your performance in two exams and your participation in conferences. The dates and weight of the grade components are presented below.

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Conferences: 4 conferences will be held throughout the term. They will serve as opportunities for in-depth discussions of readings and the course’s major themes. Conference attendance will be marked and is worth 5% of your final grade. You are allowed to miss 1 conference without any penalty, however every absence beyond this will result in a -1.25% penalty off your final grade. The first conference for all students is on Tuesday, October 13th.

Midterm Exam: The Midterm exam is an in-class exam and will take place on Thursday, October 15th. Students cannot make it up unless they have a legitimate reason recognized by McGill as excusable, such as illness, family emergency, and natural disaster. Individuals who miss it because of health reasons must submit a note from a doctor (a note from health services will not be accepted).

Final Exam: The final exam will be held during the exam period. It will primarily cover the material after the mid-term, but students will need to know key concepts and theories from the pre-mid-term material. According to Senate regulations, instructors are not permitted to make special arrangements for final exams. Please consult the Calendar, section 4.7.2.1, General University Information and Regulations at www.mcgill.ca.

If students feel their exams are not accurately graded, they may request a regrade. However, in order to request a regrade, you must first submit a one-page written letter indicating the reasons why your work should be regraded. During the regrade process, the exam is analyzed more closely, and it is possible that the regrade will result in a lower grade.

Note: In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University’s control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

Readings
Successful completion of examinations and participation in conferences require an understanding of the course readings and lectures. The reading of assigned materials and lecture attendance are therefore vital elements of this course. In order to get the most out of course lectures, students should follow the daily reading schedule as outlined in the course calendar below. All readings are available in electronic format on MyCourses).

You can download a PDF and/or order a hard copy of the textbook (Keirns, N., Scaramuzzo, G., Sadler, T., Vyain, S., Griffiths, H., Cody-Rydzewski, S., & Strayer, E. (2015). Introduction to Sociology 2e. Houston: OpenStax College) at: https://www.openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/introduction-to-sociology-2e/get

Office for Students with Disabilities
As the instructor of this course, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me and the Office for Students with Disabilities, 514-398-6009.
Course Calendar

**Week 1: Defining Sociology**
Tuesday, Sept. 8: No Readings

Thursday, Sept. 10:
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 1: Introduction to Sociology

**Week 2: Sociological Research & Methods**
Tuesday, Sept. 15:
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 2: Sociological Research

Thursday, Sept. 17:

**Week 3: Culture**
Tuesday, Sept. 22:
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 3: Culture

Thursday, Sept. 24:

**Week 4: Social Interaction; Socialization**
Tuesday, Sept. 29:
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 4: Society and Social Interaction

Thursday, Oct. 1:
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 5: Socialization
**Week 5: Social Groups; Deviance, Crime and Social Control**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 6:**

- *Introduction to Sociology,* Chapter 6: Groups and Organizations

**Thursday, Oct. 8:**

- *Introduction to Sociology,* Chapter 7: Deviance, Crime, and Social Control

**Week 6: Review & Midterm**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 13:** Conference 1 (Review)

**Thursday, Oct. 15:** Midterm Exam

**Week 7: Social Stratification; Race & Ethnicity**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 20:**


**Thursday, Oct. 22:**


**Week 8: Gender and Sex**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 27:**

- *Introduction to Sociology,* Chapter 12: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality

**Thursday, Oct. 29:** Conference 2

**Week 9: Marriage and Family; Sociology of Religion**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 3:**

- *Introduction to Sociology,* Chapter 14: Marriage and Family

**Thursday, Nov. 5:**

- *Introduction to Sociology,* Chapter 15: Religion
Week 10: Education, Schooling, and Mobility  
Tuesday, Nov. 10:  
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 16: Education  

Thursday, Nov. 12: **Conference 3**

Week 11: Health; Demography; Political Sociology  
Tuesday, Nov. 17:  
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 19: Health and Medicine

Thursday, Nov. 19:  
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 17 Government and Politics  

Week 12: Global Inequality  
Tuesday, Nov. 24:  
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 10: Global Inequality

Thursday, Nov. 26: **Conference 4**

Week 13: Sociology of Media & Review  
Tuesday, Dec. 1:  
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Chapter 8: Media and Technology  

Thursday, Dec. 3: **Review**

**Final Exam: TBA**