



**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY SOAN 1103.02
COURSE OUTLINE Winter 2012**

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TEACHING AND LEARNING PLATFORM

Moodle login: <http://moodlelive.msvu.ca>
Moodle Student Guide: <http://moodlelive.msvu.ca/mod/resource/view.php?id=34234>

Technical Help: If you require assistance with Moodle, please first contact Distance Learning: (902) 457-6717; Email: online@msvu.ca

CLASS MEETS: MONDAY/WEDNESDAY 12:30-1:45 (SAC AUD A)

COURSE DESCRIPTION An examination of the basic concepts and subject matter of sociology focusing on social relationships, group behaviour, social roles across the life cycle, and introduction to the various subfields of sociology. Processes such as urbanization, social movements, deviance, and socialization will be studied. *Note: Students who have received credit for SOAN 1101, SOAN 2100, or SOAN 1100 may not take this course for credit. SOAN 1102 together with SOAN 1103 count as the equivalent of SOAN 1101.*

COURSE PRE-REQUISITES NONE

COURSE GOAL This course is an introduction to the main concepts, theories and methods used by sociologists to study society, examine the nature of social life, and to understand social differences, inequalities, institutions and change in society. By acquainting ourselves with sociology we will be better able to understand our own actions and the actions of others and so identify and perhaps change those social conditions which constrain human potential and help build conditions which allow it to develop.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES After completing this course the student will be able to:

- Explain the sociological perspective.
- Explain the major theoretical perspectives within sociology.
- Identify the main research methods used in sociology.
- Analyze the nature of social life using basic sociological concepts.
- Analyze social differences and inequalities using basic sociological concepts.
- Analyze a number of social institutions using the major theoretical perspectives within sociology.

COURSE TEXT(S) THERE ARE 6 REQUIRED BOOKS FOR THIS COURSE:

Coates, Ken S. and Bill Morrison (2011). *Campus Confidential: 100 Startling Things You Don't Know About Canadian Universities*. Toronto: Lorimer. (C&M)

Coontz, Stephanie (1992 [2000]). *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap*. New York: Basic Books (SC)

Scott, John and Gordon Marshall (2009). *Oxford Dictionary of Sociology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (S&M)

Tattrie, Jon (2010) *The Hermit of Africville: The Life of Eddie Carvery*. Lawrencetown Beach: Pottersfield Press. (JT)

Venkatesh, Sudhir (2008). *Gang Leader for a Day: A Rogue Sociologist Takes to the Streets*. New York: Penguin Press. (SV)

Wilkins, Amy C. (2008). *Wannabes, Goths, and Christians: The Boundaries of Sex, Style and Status*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (AW)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Additional readings will be posted to our course website on Moodle and will be marked required (r) or optional (o) accordingly. I also encourage students to make use of the public forum and posting facilities available to them on our course webpage.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES

This course is designed in the spirit of the principles of active learning. My role in the course is to facilitate and encourage discussion and debate. Notes and handouts will be provided from time to time to assist you in your note taking and for preparing your written work.

SYLLABUS (WHAT WE WILL BE DOING, LEARNING AND WHEN THROUGHOUT THE COURSE):

Date	Topic	Core Reading	Activity
Jan 4	Introduction to Class	N/A	
Jan 9-11	Theory and Method	Mills (r) Berger (r) Tearoom (r): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humphreys • Warwick Babbie • Nardi 	Assignment: Syllabus (Jan 13)
Jan 16-18	Cultural Structures	Wilkins	
Jan 23	"	" Flashmob (r)	
Jan 30-Feb 1	Personal Worlds and Identity	Coontz	Assignment: Door Crawl (Feb 3)
Feb 6-8		"	
Feb 13-15	Conflict	Marx (r)	Midterm (Feb 15)
Feb 27-29		Venkatesh	
Mar 5-7		"	
Mar 12-14	Inequalities	Tattie	Assignment: Flash Mob (Mar 16)
Mar 19-21		"	
Mar 26-28	Institutions	Coates	Assignment: Human Library (Mar 30)
Apr 2-4			Assignment: Ethics Certification (last possible due date is Apr 4)
Final Exam According to Posted Exam Schedule.			

In consultation with the class, the instructor reserves the right to amend the above course plan with reasonable notice to you.

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

MARKS WILL BE EARNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

MIDTERM EXAM (IN CLASS)	30%
FINAL EXAM (DURING EXAM PERIOD)	30%
ASSIGNMENTS	40% (BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS)
STUDENT DESIGNED SYLLABUS	8%
DOOR CRAWL	8%
FLASH MOB	8%
HUMAN LIBRARY	8%
ETHICS CERTIFICATION	8%
TOTAL	100%

ASSIGNMENTS: DELIVERABLES AND EXPECTATIONS

Coursework includes:

Midterm and Final Examinations (in-class) based on readings, lectures, supplemental materials and class discussions.

Assignments:

There will be 5 different assignments throughout the term that require some additional research and participation. Please refer to Moodle for further instructions.

UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SCHEME

The Mount's Undergraduate Course Guidelines for Marking can be read at:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/undergradprograms/regulations/gradingexaminations.aspx>

CONFLICTS

Students requesting special consideration as a result of a conflict with a deadline for an assignment or an examination must do so in advance of the relevant deadline.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Given the structure of this course, it is imperative that you keep up with assignments. To that end, I will generally not accept late work, except under exceptional circumstances. Unexcused late work will be docked 10% each day late.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

You must submit all written assignments to receive a final grade. You must submit a hardcopy and/or an electronic version of your written assignment, which should be an example of an original, acceptable piece of scholarly work and follow the minimum/maximum page range indicated in the assignment details.

Your written assignment must include the following information:

- a cover page that states:
 - your name
 - course title/name/number
 - your student I.D. #
 - title of assignment
 - date

Format:

- Times Roman text font
- 12 point font
- 1" margin
- double-spaced
- paginated (numbered)

- citation style as per MLA, APA, etc.

You are responsible for keeping a back-up copy of all your written work.

LANGUAGE

Correct use of language is one of the criteria included in the evaluation of all written assignments.

COURSE POLICIES (Read them!)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

You play a vital role in contributing to and maintaining the culture of academic integrity expected of everyone at MSVU. Statement on Plagiarism and Cheating: University regulations on Plagiarism and Cheating and academic offenses will be strictly enforced. These regulations including applicable procedures and penalties are detailed in the University Calendar and are posted on Department notice boards and on the Mount website at:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/undergradprograms/regulations/academicoffenses.aspx>

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students who have a disability and who require academic accommodations must register with Disability Services (<http://www.msvu.ca/disabilityservices>) as early as possible in order to receive accommodations.

RESEARCH

Students who conduct research involving human participants must have their research reviewed in accordance with the *MSVU Policies and Procedures for Ethics Review of Research Involving Humans* before starting the research. Check with your course professor or Chair of the Department about proper procedure.

Class Attendance

Regular attendance is expected of students at all classes; the Mount recognizes the significance of attendance by stating it in the Academic Calendar at:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/undergradprograms/regulations/classattendance.aspx>

HELPFUL MSVU ONLINE RESOURCES FOR YOU

Distance Learning and Continuing Education

<http://www.msvu.ca/Distance/index.asp>

For course-related/administrative inquiries, textbook inquiries, proctor inquiries, etc.

Email Distance Learning: distance@msvu.ca or call (902) 457-6511, toll free 1-800-665-3838.

Undergraduate Academic Calendar

<http://www.msvu.ca/calendar/undergraduate.asp>

Library

<http://www.msvu.ca/library/>

Writing Resource Centre

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/student-services/academic-advising-support/writing-resource-centre/default.aspx>

Student Services

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/student-services/default.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Class Cancellation Line: (902) 457-6566