

SOC 101 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – 2012-13

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Course Goal

This course will challenge your views on a wide range of issues that affect us all. It will also excite your interest in a unique sociological way of understanding your world. We will analyze the globalization of culture, emerging patterns of class and gender inequality in Canada and internationally, the redefinition of sexuality, changes in the organization of the family, the social dimension of environmental problems, criminal and deviant behaviour, and so on. You will learn to understand these and other pressing social issues by analyzing the way the social world is organized. We may like to think of ourselves as perfectly free, but powerful social forces open up some opportunities and close off others, thus constraining our freedom and helping to make us what we are. By examining the operation of these social forces, sociology can help us know ourselves.

Readings, Movies, and Remote Control Device

Required items for this course are as follows:

1. Robert Brym, ed. *New Society*, 6th edition (Toronto: Nelson, 2011). This is the main course textbook.
2. Robert Brym *Sociology as a Life or Death Issue*, 2nd Canadian ed. (Toronto: Nelson, 2012). A book of linked readings.
3. *Student Learning Guide for use with New Society*, 6th ed. Useful for test and exam preparation.
4. Online readings and movies from the course syllabus.
5. i>clicker remote control device. Please bring to all lectures.

You can purchase items 1 and 2 separately or as a discounted package at the U of T Bookstore, 214 College Street. Other editions of items 1 and 2 differ substantially from the editions listed above and should not be used. Item 3 is available free of charge at <http://www.newsociety6e.nelson.com/student/guide.html>. Item 4 is available free of charge at <http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/soc101y/brym/survival.html#Syllabus>. Item 5 is sold separately at the U of T Bookstore and is used in other U of T courses.

Evaluation

Your mark for the course will be based on three approximately 75-minute in-class tests (each worth 20% of your final grade), and a 3-hour final exam (worth 40%). All tests and the final exam will contain multiple-choice questions. The final exam may also contain short essay questions. Visit the *New Society* Web site at <http://www.newsociety6e.nelson.com/student/test.html> for online self-tests (multiple choice, true-or-false, etc.) for each chapter of *New Society*. Please report errors to Professor Brym (rbrym@chass.utoronto.ca). See also <http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/soc101y/brym/tests.html> for past tests and final exams.

Tutorials

Teaching Assistants (MA and PhD students in sociology) lead tutorials. They will be held six times during the course (for dates, see “Syllabus and Calendar” at <http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/soc101y/brym/survival.html#Syllabus>). In tutorials, TAs teach study techniques and review material covered in lectures and readings. Tutorials begin 4 October. Everyone in the class should attend tutorials. Select your tutorial on the U of T Portal, <https://portal.utoronto.ca/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>, after 21 September. Note: To accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday, the second set of tutorials this year will run from Tuesday, 11 October, to Monday, 17 October. To accommodate the Good Friday holiday, the last set of tutorials this year will run from Friday, 30 March, to Thursday, 5 April.

TA Office Hours

Teaching Assistants will hold office hours and chat sessions on MSN for individual consultations with students. Chat times and room allocations will be posted at <http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/soc101y/brym/contacts.html> after 21 September.

The Instructors and Course Coordinator

Professor Brym and **Professor Green** will deliver all of the course lectures. **Jaime Nikolau** is the Course Coordinator. She is available to students of SOC101Y for questions, petitions, appeals, etc. Office hours: Tuesdays, 4-6 pm, Room 225B, 725 Spadina Ave. Phone: 416-978-6579.

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Syllabus and Calendar, 2010-11

NS = *New Society*; SLDI = *Sociology as a Life or Death Issue*; B = Brym; G = Green

For online readings (in PDF format) and movies, visit <http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/soc101y/brym/survival.html#Syllabus>.

For the free PDF reader, visit <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Date	Lecture Topic	Readings	Movies	Note
12 September	Introduction (B)	SLDI ch. 1, NS ch. 1, <u>online reading #1</u>	.	.
19 September	Culture (B)	NS ch. 2, SLDI ch. 2	<u>#1</u>	.
26 September	Social Interaction (B)	.	<u>#2</u>	.
3 October	Socialization (G)	NS ch. 3	<u>#3</u>	tutorials
10 October	Networks, Groups & Bureaucracies (B)	<u>online reading #2</u>	<u>#4</u>	tutorials
17 October	.	.	.	test #1
24 October	Gender & Sexuality (G)	NS ch. 4	<u>#5</u>	.
31 October	Mass Media (G)	NS ch. 5	.	.
7 November	Social Stratification I (B)	NS ch. 6	.	.
14 November	Social Stratification II (B)	.	.	.
21 November	Crime and Deviance (G)	NS ch. 14	<u>#6</u>	tutorials
28 November	.	.	.	test #2
9 January	Gender Inequality (G)	NS ch. 7, <u>online reading #3</u>	<u>#7, #8</u>	.
16 January	Race & Ethnicity (G)	NS ch. 8, SLDI ch. 4	.	.
23 January	Global Inequality (B)	NS ch. 9	<u>#9, #10</u>	.
30 January	Families (G)	NS ch. 10	<u>#11</u>	.
6 February	Health, Disability & Aging (G)	NS ch. 17, SLDI ch. 5	<u>#12</u>	tutorials
13 February	.	.	.	test #3
27 February	Religion (G)	NS ch. 13	.	.
6 March	Politics & Social Movements (B)	NS ch. 18, SLDI ch. 3	.	.
13 March	Globalization (G)	NS ch. 19	<u>#13</u>	.
20 March	Sociology & The Environment (B)	NS ch. 16	.	.
27 March	Research Methods (G)	NS ch. 20, SLDI ch. 6	.	.
3 April	Research Methods (B)	.	.	tutorials <u>handout</u>

Make-up Term Tests, Final Exam, and Deferred Final Exam

A make-up test consisting of a single essay question may be written only in *documented* cases of illness or *immediate* family tragedy *if* the student follows the procedures outlined on the course website. The date and coverage of the final exam will be announced in March. It will be written during the spring exam period. A deferred exam may be written in August only in *documented* cases of illness or immediate family tragedy that prevented the student from writing the regularly scheduled final exam. To write the deferred exam, you must petition your college registrar. For details, see the relevant sections of <http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/soc101y/brym/survival.html>.