Faculty of Arts and Science - Department of Sociology

SOC225H1S

Canadian Society

Summer 2024 Syllabus

Course Meetings

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Section	Day & Time	Delivery Mode & Location
LEC5101	Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Online Synchronous
	Thursday, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Online Synchronous

Refer to ACORN for the most up-to-date information about the location of the course meetings.

Course Contacts

Course Website: https://q.utoronto.ca/courses/345514

Instructor: Dr. Mitchell McIvor
Email: mitchell.mcivor@utoronto.ca
Office Hours and Location: Wednesdays, 3-4pm

Course Overview

This course uses a sociological approach to understand current Canadian society, Canada's role in global politics, and how Canadian social policies compare to the policies of other countries around the world. The topics considered in the course include economics, politics, happiness, health and mental health care, crime and punishment, tolerance for diversity, education, and more. The most current Canadian research and global comparative research are explored to ensure students leave with a thorough scientific awareness of where Canada is, where it is going, and what they think the best policies for Canada are moving forward.

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Course Learning Outcomes

- To learn about Canada in international context;
- To hone critical thinking skills;

- To improve writing skills;
- To improve scientific literacy for the purpose of making evidence-based decisions and recommendations (i.e. applying scientific research to life outside academia);
- To have an enjoyable learning experience.

Prerequisites: SOC100H1
Corequisites: None
Exclusions: SOC297H1 (offered as "Canadian Society") taken in Fall 2022
Recommended Preparation: None
Credit Value: 0.5

Course Materials

There is no textbook to buy for this course or any other materials you must purchase. In order to keep the course free to you, Professor McIvor will provide all materials required on Quercus.

Marking Scheme

Assessment	Percent	Details	Due Date
Discussion Board Participation	20%		2024-07-04,2024-07-09,2024-07-11,2024-07-16,2024-07-18,2024-07-23,2024-07-30,2024-08-01,2024-08-06,2024-08-08
Midterm	25%		2024-07-23
Empirical Briefs	30%		2024-07-19
Final Test	25%		2024-08-08

Late Assessment Submissions Policy

5% late per day

Policies & Statements

Plagiarism Detection Tool

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to the University's plagiarism detection tool for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the tool's reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that

apply to the University's use of this tool are described on the Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation web site (https://uoft.me/pdt-faq).

Academic Integrity

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/code-behaviour-academic-matters-july-1-2019). If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, please reach out to me. Note that you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from me or from other institutional resources. For example, to learn more about how to cite and use source material appropriately and for other writing support, see the U of T writing support website at http://www.writing.utoronto.ca. Consult the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters for a complete outline of the University's policy and expectations. For more information, please see A&S Student Academic Integrity (https://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/academic-advising-and-support/student-academic-integrity) and the University of Toronto Website on Academic Integrity (https://www.academicintegrity.utoronto.ca).

Specific Medical Circumstances

If you become ill and it affects your ability to do your academic work, consult me right away. Normally, I will ask you for documentation in support of your specific medical circumstances. This documentation can be an Absence Declaration (via ACORN) or the University's Verification of Student Illness or Injury (VOI) form. The VOI indicates the impact and severity of the illness, while protecting your privacy about the details of the nature of the illness. If you cannot submit a VOI due to limits on terms of use, you can submit a different form (like a letter from a doctor), as long as it is an original document, and it contains the same information as the VOI (including dates, academic impact, practitioner's signature, phone and registration number). For more information on the VOI, please see http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca. For information on Absence Declaration Tool for A&S students, please see https://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/absence. If you get a concussion, break your hand, or suffer some other acute injury, you should register with Accessibility Services as soon as possible.