Course Goal
This course will challenge your views on a wide range of issues by introducing you to a unique 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, 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 and what we can become. Sociology is the systematic examination of how these social forces operate.

Required Readings
- *New Society*, 9th ed. (Toronto: Nelson, 2020). This edited collection, containing 15 chapters by 16 authors, is the course’s main textbook.
- *Sociology as a Life or Death Issue*, 4th ed. (Toronto: Nelson, 2017). This short book will be discussed and debated in tutorials.

The two books can be purchased as a package at the U of T Bookstore, 214 College Street.

Required Software
The TopHat app will operate on your cell phone, tablet or laptop and facilitate in-class interaction with the professor, the teaching assistants and your classmates. Specifically, it will allow you to participate in surveys, see survey results, ask questions, receive answers, take part in discussions and indicate which material the professor and teaching assistants need to review. Marks will be awarded for some TopHat uses.

About 30,000 U of T students in sociology, economics, political science, biology, business, math, engineering, and other courses are already using TopHat. An annual $34 subscription will allow you to use the app for all courses requiring the app. Information on how to download the app will be provided during the first lecture. Please bring the device on which you have downloaded TopHat to all lectures and tutorials.

PowerPoint slides will be shown in class. They will summarize the major points of each lecture, present data in graphs and tables, and initiate dialogue via Top Hat. The slides will be posted on the course’s Quercus website in PowerPoint (.ppt) and Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) formats and will therefore be available for review purposes. If you do not already have software for viewing slides in one of these formats, you can download and install free software at [https://tinyurl.com/seePPT](https://tinyurl.com/seePPT) or [https://get.adobe.com/reader/](https://get.adobe.com/reader/).

Tutorials and Study Groups
Tutorials will be led by four Teaching Assistants (sociology graduate students). In tutorials, the TAs will administer written assignments and initiate discussion and debate regarding material covered in lectures and readings. Tutorials will be held during weeks 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of the class (see the shaded cells in the table below). You are expected to attend one tutorial during each of the six weeks tutorials will be held—a total of six tutorials during the semester. You will need to select your tutorial on Quercus.
Evaluation
Your mark for the course will be based on a 75-minute in-class test worth 20% of your final grade (to be held on 11 February 2020), a 2-hour final exam worth 55% (to be held during the final exam period in April), participation in tutorials worth 15% and participation in TopHat exercises worth 10%. The test and the exam will consist of multiple-choice questions.

You will receive 30% of your final grade before 15 March 2020, the last date on which you are allowed to drop the course. You will receive written comments on work worth 10% of your final grade before 15 March 2020.

The date of the final exam is set by the Faculty of Arts and Science and will be announced around the end of February. Since the final exam period covers the entire month of April, you should not make plans to leave Toronto until you know when your exams will be held.

TA Office Hours
Teaching Assistants will hold office hours for individual consultation with students. Details will be posted on Quercus shortly after classes begin.

Questions
You will have the opportunity to ask questions in class, after class, in tutorials and online. To ask online questions, contact TA Christos Orfanidis at c.orfanidis@mail.utoronto.ca.

Syllabus and Calendar
(NS=New Society; SLDI=Sociology as a Life or Death Issue; tutorial weeks shaded grey)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week #</th>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>NS chapters</th>
<th>SLDI chapters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Introduction</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Culture</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>Genders &amp; Sexualities</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Communications &amp; Mass Media</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Feb</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Stratification</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Feb</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>IN-CLASS TEST</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Feb</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>NO CLASS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Feb</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Race &amp; Ethnicity</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Development &amp; Underdevelopment</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Crime &amp; Deviance</td>
<td>13</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>Politics &amp; Social Movements</td>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>Methods</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Mar</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>Methods</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Apr</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>FINAL EXAM</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Cheating
Cheating will not be tolerated. If you commit an academic offence, you will face serious penalties. Know where you stand by reading the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters at https://tinyurl.com/UoTrules.

Attendance
Attendance at all classes is required. If you cannot attend a class due to illness or family emergency, obtain lecture notes from a classmate.

**Accessibility**
If you require accommodation or have any accessibility concerns, please visit [https://tinyurl.com/UoTaccess](https://tinyurl.com/UoTaccess) as soon as possible.

**Make-up test**
If you miss the test on 11 February you will receive a mark of zero unless, within four days of the test date, you give the professor a written request for special consideration that explains why the test was missed. Proper documentation from a physician or College Registrar must accompany the request.

In case of illness or injury causing you to miss the test, complete a *Verification of Student Illness or Injury* form (available at [https://tinyurl.com/UoTsick](https://tinyurl.com/UoTsick)). A doctor’s note is also acceptable but it must indicate the start and anticipated end date of the illness.

If *a crisis in your immediate family* causes you to miss the 11 February test, visit your College Registrar and obtain a letter outlining the circumstances.

Appropriate completed documentation must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Professor and submitted to the Professor or a TA before class or during a TA’s office hours. The documentation must include your telephone number and email address so that the date, time and place of the make-up test can be communicated to you.

If you miss the test and the subsequent make-up test you will not have a third opportunity to take the test. Instead, the grade assigned for the missed test will be the same as the combined grade you earn on the other methods of evaluation in the course.

If you miss the test, do not contact the Professor or TA unless you have followed the procedure outlined above. Telling the Professor or the TA why you missed the test is insufficient for receiving permission to write a make-up test.

The make-up test will be written on 24 February and will consist of one or two essay questions.

**Final Exam and Deferred Final Exam**
The date and coverage of the final exam will be announced in March. The exam will be written during the exam period in April. Do not make plans to leave the city until you know your exam date.

If you miss the exam due to illness or crisis in your immediate family, you may write a deferred exam. To write the deferred exam, you must petition your College Registrar, not the Professor, as soon as possible.
Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is fundamental to learning and scholarship at the University of Toronto. Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly and fairly in this academic community ensures that the U of T degree you earn will be valued as a true indication of your academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

Familiarize yourself with the University of Toronto’s Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters at https://tinyurl.com/UoTrules. It is the rule book for academic behaviour at U of T. You are expected to know the rules. Potential offences include, but are not limited to, the following:

On tests and exams:
- using or possessing any unauthorized aid, including a cell phone;
- looking at someone else’s answers;
- letting someone else look at your answers;
- misrepresenting your identity;
- submitting an altered test for re-grading.

Misrepresentation:
- falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including doctor’s notes;
- falsifying institutional documents or grades.

The University of Toronto treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following the procedures outlined in the Code. The consequences for academic misconduct can be severe, including a failure in the course and a notation on your transcript. If you have any questions about what is or is not permitted in this course, please contact the Professor.