**SOC101.15: Introduction to Sociology I**

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This course will introduce you to thinking and researching sociologically. Topics include questioning everyday ideas, inequalities (race, gender, social class, etc.), and modern life. This is a reading-based course, so come to class having read the assigned texts.

*Everyone learns more effectively in a respectful, safe and equitable learning*

*environment, free from discrimination and harassment. I invite you to work with me to*

*create a classroom space – both real and virtual – that fosters and promotes values of*

*human dignity, equity, non-discrimination and respect for diversity. Please feel free to talk with me about your questions or concerns about equity in our classroom or in the STFX community in general. If I cannot answer your questions or help you address your concerns, I encourage you to talk to the Chair/Coordinator of the Department/Program or the Human Rights and Equity Advisor. The Human Rights and Equity Advisor is Megan Fogarty. Megan can be contacted by email at mfogarty@stfx.ca or by telephone at 902-867-5306.*

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assistance including copying during tests and examinations”. This means that students

do not need to be caught USING a device like a cell phone or smart watch (for example)

during a test or exam to be in violation of the policy. **Simply having the unauthorized**

**device on their person during the test or exam is a violation of the policy**. Make sure all devices are in your bag (not pocket) against the wall of the lecture hall during quizzes and exams.

Required Reading: SOC101: Introduction to Sociology I reading kit. Dr. Patricia Cormack. Also moodle posts.

Evaluation:

You are allowed to bring in a one “cheat sheet” for your quizzes and exams with any information you like on it. I will hand out an index card for you to use as your cheat. You may either write on it or paste your computer notes on it. If you misplace your index card, just cut a 4” x 6” piece of paper.

Part of your grade is based on class participation. You will be divided into working groups. Please sit with your group each class. Groups will be asked to begin class discussion of the day’s assigned reading. On moodle you will find a list of general questions to help you with your reading and your group responses. Individually prepare these answers before you come to class.

Grade Breakdown:

* **Quizzes\* 4 quizzes x 10 points each = 40 points**
* **Participation = 10 points**
* **Final exam = 50 points**

\*Missed quizzes **cannot be taken**. Your grade and will be prorated to account for missed quizzes.

\*\* If you miss more than 5 classes you will forfeit your participation grade. You may write a 2500-word essay to make up for the participation grade. If you would like to do this, please come to see me about making this arrangement before classes end. After the last day of classes, this option is no longer available.

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**LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE**

**Week 1 : Sept 3 – 6: What is society and what is sociology?**

Sept 4 - READING: Durkheim, Emile. 1895. “What is a Social Fact?” The Rules of Sociological Method. (**moodle**)

Sept 6 – READING: Singh, J. 2014. “The Ideological roots of Stephen Harper’s Vendetta against Sociology”, Toronto Star. (**moodle**)

*FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – EMILE DURKHEIM*

**WEEK 2: Sept 10-13: Thinking About Emotions**

Sept 10 - READING: Hochschild, Arlie. 1979. “Emotion Work and Feeling Rules.”

Sept 11 - READING: Hochschild, Arlie. 1992. “The Economy of Gratitude.”

*FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – ARLIE HOCHSCHILD*

**WEEK 3/4: SEPT 17 – 27: Thinking about Nature and Climate**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*SEPT 17 QUIZ #1 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Sept 18 – NO CLASS (OPENNING OF MULRONEY HALL)

Sept 20 - Brym, Robert. 2015. “Hurricane Katrina and the Myth of Natural Disasters.”

Sept 25 - Klinenberg, Eric. 2004. “Denaturalizing Disaster: A Social Autopsy of the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave.”

FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – KARL MARX

**WEEK 5/6: OCT 1- 11: THINKING ABOUT BEHAVIOUR**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*OCT 1 QUIZ #2 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Oct 2 - Becker, Howard. 2009. “Culture a Sociological View.”

Oct 4 - Milgram, Stanley. 1973. “The Perils of Obedience.” (See Milgram experiment film on **moodle**).

Oct 8 - Cherlin, Andrew. 2004. “The Deinstitutionalization of American Marriage.”

Oct 9 – Mills, C.W. 1959. “The Promise”. (**moodle**)

FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – C WRIGHT MILLS

**WEEK 7 : BREAK – no classes Oct 14-18**

**WEEK 8/9 : OCT 22- Nov 1: SELF AND INTERACTION**

Oct 22 - Goffman, Erving. 1959. The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* OCT 23 QUIZ #3 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

Oct 29 - Goffman, Erving. 1961 “The Mortified Self.”

FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – ERVING GOFFMAN

**WEEK 10/11: Nov 5 – NOV 15: Class and Social Inequality**

Nov 5 - Bourgois, Philippe. 2009. “Poverty at Work: Office Employment and the Crack Alternative.”

Nov. 8 – Goffman, A. 2009. “On The Run: Wanted Men in a Philadelphia Ghetto.” **(moodle)**

FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – ALICE GOFFMANN (See Ted Talk on **moodle**)

Nov 12- Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth Armstrong. 2012. “The (Mis)Education of Monica and Karen.”

FEATURED SOCIOLOGISTS – LAURA HAMILTON AND ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* NOV 15 QUIZ #4\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**WEEK 12: NOV 19-22: Racism and White Privilege**

Nov. 19 - Hochschild, Arlie. 2016.“Special Report: I Spent 5 Years with Some of Trump’s Biggest Fans. Here’s What They Won’t Tell You.”

Nov. 20 – Du Bois, W.E.B. 1903. “The Souls of Black Folk”. **(moodle)**

FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – W.E.B. DU BOIS

**WEEK 13: NOV 26-29: Sociology and the Underdog**

Nov 26 - Becker, Howard. 1967. “Whose Side are We On?”

Nov 29 – Simmel, Georg. 1908. “The Stranger”. **(moodle)**

FEATURED SOCIOLOGIST – GEORG SIMMEL

Dec 3 – last day of classes – REVIEW for EXAM ---- **FINAL EXAM - TBA**