



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Introduction to Sociology II Soci. 102:26 Winter 2023 Syllabus

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Class schedule: check Tuesday 8:15-9:30 and Friday 9:45-11
Office hours: Monday afternoon 3-5 by appointment only
Tuesday 9:30 -11
Friday 11-12:30 2-3

Relevant Calendar Information:

January 11 is the last day to change first-term or full-year courses. Students may drop a course, online in Banner, on or before the relevant deadline. **March 10** is the last day to drop first-term three-credit courses. See the calendar of events in the StFX Academic Calendar. Also please read your academic calendar for requirements: https://www.mystfx.ca/registrars-office/sites/registrars-office/files/2021-08/2021_2022_AcademicCalendar_Aug31.pdf

Course Description

This course is an examination of contemporary sociological issues. It is designed to provide you with an understanding of how major systems of power such as racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism, among others, are interrelated, and result in numerous social problems. Throughout the course, we will explore ways in which these social problems are part of the organization of society, and ways people can use their own agency to address them.

One part of a two-part introduction to the discipline of sociology, this 3 credit course provides students with the opportunity to explore a range of topics in sociology. It applies the foundation of sociological theory, methods and history which were examined in SOCI 101 to current topics.

You will see how sociologists have used the sociological perspective as they study a variety of topics. You will explore topics that relate to the everyday experiences of people including controversial social issues. Through the exploration of a variety of topics students will be encouraged to ask sociological questions about their surroundings and help evaluate controversial issues. You will learn how social factors such as income level, gender and minority status influence who we are and the people we become. For sociologists, human diversity is a fascinating topic. Your critical thinking skills will be enhanced. Critical thought is key to sociology as sociologists examine and challenge common assumptions. You will be encouraged to challenge common assumptions by formulating questions, identifying and weighing

appropriate evidence to reach reasoned conclusions. You will see that the ability to think sociologically will be critical to your success in sociology.

Course Outcomes

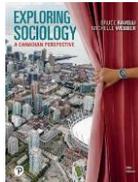
By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Enhance your understanding of the sociological perspective by becoming aware of the larger picture, understanding social patterns and seeing how the world is socially constructed
- Identify how the sociological perspective illuminates understanding of key issues
- Challenge the dominant ideas in society that perpetuate social inequality and environmental destruction
- Learn key terms connected to the discipline of sociology as you are exposed to key problems in Sociology
- Understand how sociologists apply various perspectives to the study of key problems
- Develop (or enhance) an interest in social & political issues, and current affairs as you come to understand how you can be a catalyst for change as a social actor

Required Texts:

Required Textbooks:

Ravelli, Bruce & Michelle Webber. 2021. *Exploring Sociology: A Canadian Perspective*. Fifth Edition. Toronto: Pearson. (electronic copies only - however if you can access the 3rd or 4th editions you may use one of those.)



Electronic copies of readings will be available on Moodle or through the St. FX library

Evaluation.

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| February Quiz | 35% |
| Online Assignments | 15% |
| Final Exam | 50% |

*The final exam will be a scheduled, in-person exam invigilated during the examination period between, and including the dates, April 10-22 Exam Dates are determined by registrar's office and made available January 27. Please plan to remain at St.FX until April 22 10 pm as that is the last exam date & time. Examinations **will not** be rescheduled to accommodate airline travel

arrangements. Students unable to write a final examination in April at its scheduled time due to illness or due to a serious, unexpected circumstance **must notify the Office of the Dean of their respective faculty within 48 hours of the scheduled exam time.**

- *Class Preparation:* You are expected to read all the required readings through the course so as to develop a sense of Sociology. It is expected that you will reflect and contemplate the readings by asking your own questions and examining your personal experiences. This class primarily follows a lecture format however, I expect student interaction and in-class discussion.

Class room etiquette/policies

- Be respectful of your classmates and avoid class disruption (leaving class early, late, talking, whispering).
- Regular attendance at class is advised. (see calendar section 3.7)
http://sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office/academic_calendar.
- Students are responsible for material discussed in class even when they are absent. Under no circumstances will I repeat a lecture or a summary of a lecture in an email. Be sure to take notes as not all material covered in class will be in the readings. Always bring a pen and paper to class – you may be required to submit brief comments from time to time. Note taking tips: <https://lss.info.yorku.ca/resources/note-taking-at-university/#Intro>
- Avoid electronic devices in class

Safe environment

- This class should be free from discrimination and harassment in accord with the *StFX Discrimination and Harassment Policy* which can be found at <http://www.mystfx.ca/campus/stu-serv/equity/>.
- StFX's Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Advocate (SVPRA), Heather Blackburn (hblackbu@stfx.ca) is available to anyone on campus impacted by sexual violence. She can hear confidential disclosures, provide information about reporting options and help you connect to the right support services to meet your needs. For more information about the services and supports available for those impacted by sexualized violence, please visit <https://www.mystfx.ca/visible-at-x/>

*Assignments will be announced in class (e.g, moodle quizzes)

Class schedule and readings: The readings are available on your Moodle site –We will follow the order of the readings listed below. I reserve the right to change readings (with early notification). Examples from various chapters and videos not listed below will also be included (and announced in class). DATES are **approximate** – it is your responsibility to follow along with what was covered in class.

DRAFT – to add readings

January 6- 10

What is Sociology? (a review)

- Chapter 1 Ravelli & Webber.

January 13-24

Race & Racialization

- Chapter 10 Ravelli & Webber.

January 27-31

Gender

- Chapter 8 Ravelli & Webber.

February 3-10

Sexuality

- Chapter 9 Ravelli & Webber.

February QUIZ : Feb. 14

February 17 Film: re: sexuality Title

READING week February 20-24

February 28-Mar 3

Families

- Chapter 10 Ravelli & Webber.

March 7-10

Education

- Chapter 11 Ravelli & Webber

March 14-17

Health

- Chapter 15 Ravelli & Webber

March 21-24

Globalization

- Chapter 19 Ravelli & Webber

March 28-31

Social Change

- Chapter 18 Ravelli & Webber

April 4
Review

I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.
Angela Davis