

**SOC102.23: Introduction to Sociology II**  
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This course builds on SOC 101 and will introduce you to thinking and researching sociologically. Topics include questioning everyday ideas, inequalities (race, gender, social class, sexuality, etc.), and modern life. This is a reading-based course, so come to class having read the assigned texts.

Required Reading: moodle posts.

**ASSESSMENT:**

- 4 quizzes\* (x 10 points each) = 40 POINTS (See below for quiz dates.)
- Written assignment = 20 POINTS
  - DUE **MARCH 22**, LATE PENALTY – 2 POINTS PER DAY.
- Final Exam = 40 POINTS

\*All quizzes must be written in the classroom (or Tramble). Missed quizzes **cannot be taken**. Your grade and will be prorated to account for missed quizzes.

Students may drop a course, online in Banner, on or before the relevant deadline. See the calendar of events in the StFX Academic Calendar for the drop-date.

**READING SCHEDULE**

**THINKING SOCIOLOGICALLY ABOUT PANIC:**

Jan 6 and 10: "Halloween Sadism", J. Best.

Jan 11: "Pandemic Imaginaries and the Racial Politics of Masking", J. Zine

Jan 13: Damned Lies and Statistics, "Introduction", J. Best.

Jan 17: Damned Lies and Statistics, "Chapter 1", J. Best.

## **JANUARY 18 – QUIZ #1**

### **SELF, OTHER, INTERACTION:**

Jan 20 and 24: “Stigma and Social Identity”, E. Goffman.

Jan 25: “Divorce and Stigma”, N. Gerstel.

Jan 27 and 31: “Paranoia and the Dynamics of Exclusion”, E. Lemert.

Feb 1: WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT WORKSHOP

Feb 3: “On Suicide Threats getting Laughed Off”, H. Sacks.

## **FEBRUARY 7 – QUIZ #2**

### **OPPRESSION:**

Feb 8 and 10: “Characteristics of Total Institutions”. E. Goffman.

Feb 14: “The Menace Within”, R. Ratnesar.

Feb 15 and 17: “The Body of the Condemned”, M. Foucault.

Feb 20-24 BREAK

Feb 28: “Sterilization in Alberta: 1928-1972”, J. Grekul.

March 1: “Race as Class”, H. Gans.

March 3: “Follow the Colour Line: Segregation in Canada’s Jim Crow Era”, R. Maynard.

## **MARCH 7– QUIZ #3**

### **UNIVERSITY LIFE**

March 8: “Meaningful Meaninglessness: Canadian University ‘hook-up’ and ‘party’ culture as gendered and class-based privilege”, Horsman and Cormack,

March 14: “Sacrifice and Betrayal”, Sennett and Cobb.

March 15: “ ‘Good Girls’: Gender, Social Class, and Slut Discourse on Campus”, Armstrong et al.

March 17: “Stirring the Pot on Kraft Dinner”, Rock et al.

March 21: "Leaving Home for College: Expectations for Selective Reconstruction of Self", Karp et al.

March 22: "Schooling, Basketball and US Scholarship Aspirations of Canadian Student Athletes", James. **WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT DUE**

**March 24 - QUIZ #4**

March 28 and 29: "Becoming Middle Class: How Working-Class University Students Draw and Transgress Moral Class Boundaries", Lehmann.

March 31: "Volunteering to Give up Privilege", Nenga.

April 4: "Situational Ethics and College Student Cheating", LaBeff et al.

April 5: REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM

**FINAL EXAM - TBA**