

**St. Francis Xavier University  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

Sociology 102.22  
Winter Term, 2017

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**Key Issues in Contemporary Sociology**

This course is designed as a follow-up to the Sociology 101 course by showing how the foundational Sociological theories and research perspectives are “played out” in the form of contemporary social thought and research. A range of the more substantive areas of the field will be introduced, and are divided into four main categories: 1) Criminal Justice and Social Control; 2) Sanity, Insanity, and Mental Health; 3) Racism, Colonialism, and Civil Rights; 4) Media, Technology, and Popular Culture.

**Course Readings**

A series of course readings will be listed and made available through the course Moodle site. These readings will be assigned and posted as the course progresses.

**Evaluation**

Mid-Term Test -----	25%
Term Assignment -----	25%
In-class Exercises -----	5%
Participation -----	10%
Final Exam -----	35%
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**Important Dates:** The Mid-Term test will be held on Thursday, **February 9, 2017**. The Due Date for the Term Assignment is **Thursday, March 16, 2017**. The Final examination will be held during the regular exam period, on a the day assigned by the Registrar's Office. This date will be available later on in the term. **Note: Be sure to consult the distributed guidelines for the term assignment before you begin to work on it.**

**Attendance, Plagiarism, Academic Dishonesty**

Regular class attendance is important and expected of everyone enrolled in the course. Please be sure you are familiar with the regulations on course attendance and withdrawal outlined on page 13 of the University Calendar. Note also that plagiarism and academic dishonesty are considered very serious academic offenses which can seriously and permanently impact your academic record and career. What constitutes such offenses and

how they will be responded to is outlined on page 13 -14 of the University Calendar.

### **Office Hours**

My office is in the Annex, Rm 9-C (lower floor, towards Lane Hall). Office hours are as follows:

Monday	1:00 to 4:00
Wednesday	1:00 to 3:00

There will be times when I am unable to be in the office during the posted office hours due to committee and department meetings or other unforeseen appointments and meetings. If this happens, please send a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Other times can be arranged by appointment if you are unable to make those listed. You can also contact me through e-mail to arrange a meeting or to ask questions.

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Feel free to drop in to discuss any aspect of the course or the Sociology program more generally at any time during the term

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