

# SOC100H1F 20219: Introduction to Sociology II Sociological Perspectives

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**Syllabus version 13 August 2021.** Before the course begins, minor modifications will be made to this version of the syllabus.

**TUTORIALS FOR THIS COURSE ARE HELD SYNCHRONOUSLY AND IN PERSON. YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR A TUTORIAL THAT SUITS YOUR SCHEDULE ON [ACORN](#). LECTURES ARE HELD ASYNCHRONOUSLY ONLINE. THEY MAY BE VIEWED ANYTIME AFTER THEY ARE POSTED. OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE COURSE ARE HELD SYNCHRONOUSLY ONLINE. TUTORIALS, OFFICE HOURS, QUIZZES, THE MID-TERM TEST, AND THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ARE HELD AT SPECIFIC TIMES INDICATED BELOW.**

## Technical and Software Requirements

Click [here](#) to see if your remote setup meet requirements. If it doesn't, solutions are offered on the web page just cited.

You will need to access PowerPoint (.ppt), Word (.doc, .docx), Acrobat (.pdf) and .mp4 files for this course. You will also need Microsoft Teams. U of T offers all students Microsoft 365 for free. It includes Word, PowerPoint, and Microsoft Teams. Options for .mp4 and .pdf files are listed below.

- For Microsoft 365 installation instructions, click [here](#). In the sections titled "Microsoft 365 ProPlus for Windows/Mac/Android/iOS" (go to the option you want) click "read more".
- For Microsoft Teams installation instructions, click [here](#).
- For .mp4 files, try [VLC](#) or [Quick Time](#).
- For .pdf files, try [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

## 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. Specifically, you will learn to:

- distinguish the sociological approach to explaining human behaviour from psychological and biological approaches;
- interpret the social world using a variety of sociological theories; and

- assess evidence to test sociological theories, thus determining the best explanations among them.

Among other topics, we will analyze and debate globalization and the reaction against it, emerging patterns of class, racial, ethnic and gender inequality in Canada and internationally, the social dimension of environmental problems and the causes of criminal behaviour.

You will learn about these and other pressing issues by analyzing how the social world is organized. We may like to think of ourselves as perfectly free. However, powerful social forces open up some opportunities and close off others. These opportunities constitute and constrain our freedom, helping to shape us. Sociology is the systematic study of how social forces that are often not apparent influence the structure of opportunities we confront in our daily lives.

### **Course Format**

The course begins 9 September 2021 and ends 2 December 2021, with a final assessment to be scheduled later in December.

Click **Modules** in the left menu on this course's Quercus site. You will see a module for each week of the course. Each module lists the required reading for the week, a link to the weekly lecture, and the times of tutorials, office hours, and assignments for the week, if any.

*Lectures.* The weekly recorded lecture in .mp4 format will be posted weekly. Lectures are compulsory. You can view lectures at any time although you are urged to view each lecture for the first time as soon as possible after it is posted. You must have your UTORID and password to access the lectures. During lectures, slides will be displayed. They will summarize major points, present data in graphs and tables, and show video clips. Slides in .ppt format will be available for download on the course's Quercus website at Files-->slides folder.

*Required readings.* You will be assigned a chapter weekly. Assigned chapters are compulsory. You are urged to read each chapter for the first time in the week it is assigned and to take notes on it. Chapters are available in digital format. It is strongly recommended that you NOT buy print versions because they are considerably more expensive than digital versions and may be out of date. Five chapters are from a book titled *Custom New Society*. It can be purchased [here](#). Six chapters are from a book titled *SOC+*, *Custom Edition*. It can be purchased [here](#).

*Tutorials.* Beginning 20 September, teaching assistants (TAs) will lead live 50-minute online tutorials with 50 students each. Tutorials are compulsory. You must register on Acorn for a tutorial time that fits your schedule. Click here for the [Acorn](#) login. In tutorials, TAs will initiate discussion and debate regarding material covered in lectures and readings. You need to prepare for each tutorial by going to the weekly module on the course Quercus site and reviewing assigned material. On the Friday of each tutorial week, you will be expected to complete an assessment based on the tutorial and the material assigned for it. To participate in a tutorial, start Microsoft Teams and select the tutorial for which you registered on Acorn. You can participate in tutorials only at the designated times. Some tutorials may be recorded for training purposes.

*Office hours.* TAs will lead live office hours beginning 27 September. Office hours are optional. During office hours, you can raise issues and ask questions about course organization and content. To participate in office hours, start Microsoft Teams and select any office hour you want to attend. You can participate in office hours only at the designated times.

*E-mail contact.* For questions about all tutorials, the 14 October lecture, and associated readings, email Professor McIvor at [mitchell.mcivor@utoronto.ca](mailto:mitchell.mcivor@utoronto.ca). For questions about all other lectures and associated readings, email Professor Brym at [robert.brym@utoronto.ca](mailto:robert.brym@utoronto.ca). For questions about course organization, administration, and grades, email TA Patricia Roach at [patricia.roach@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:patricia.roach@mail.utoronto.ca). We aim to answer all emails within 24 hours.

## **Assessments**

*Tutorial quizzes.* Tutorials will be held during six weeks of the course. See the Calendar below for the dates of the tutorial weeks. On the Friday of each tutorial week, students will be required to complete an approximately 20-30 minute tutorial quiz online. You can choose to take the tutorial quiz at 9am or 9pm. Tutorial quizzes will be worth **30 percent** of your final grade (5 percent each). Find tutorial quizzes by clicking **Quizzes** in the menu on the left of the course's Quercus site. You can take tutorial quizzes only once at the designated times.

*Test.* A one-hour mid-term test worth **25 percent** of your final grade will take place on Tuesday, 12 October. You can choose to take the test at 9am or 9pm. You can take the mid-term only once at the designated times. Find the mid-term test by clicking **Quizzes** in the menu on the left of the course's Quercus site.

*Final assessment.* The final assessment, worth **45 percent** of your final grade, will be found by clicking **Quizzes** in the menu on the left on the course's Quercus site, which will be made available once the Faculty of Arts & Science has designated the schedule (see below). The final assessment will be held during the Final Assessment Period which runs from 10 December to 21 December. The date and time of the final assessment is decided by the Faculty of Arts & Science and will be announced in October or November. You can take the final assessment only at the designated times.

*Marks.* You will receive at least 30 percent of your final grade before 8 November 2021, the last day on which you can drop the course. You will receive your final grade in late December 2021 or early January 2022.

## **Deterring collaboration on assessments**

Tutorial quizzes, the mid-term test and the final assessment will (1) be held only during designated time slots, (2) take place within strict time limits, (3) present questions to each student in random order (each student will see questions in a different order) and (4) not allow students to change their answers to questions. These procedures have been tested and shown to reduce opportunities for student collaboration on assessments.

Tutorial quizzes, the mid-term test, and the final assessment will be proctored. Students' web cameras and microphones must be activated so students can be observed at random. When monitored, your web camera light will turn on.

Certain web services allow students to buy answers to test questions. The answers are often wrong. Moreover, some services demand ransom from customers. They threaten to give customers' names to instructors if customers don't pay—and they follow up on their threat if they do not receive payment. Avoid all such web services.

**Calendar** (assessments are blue-highlighted)

<b>Date &amp; Toronto time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading(s)</b>
9 Sep	Lecture: Introducing Sociology	New Society, ch 1
16 Sep	Lecture: Culture	New Society, ch 3
20-23 Sep	Tutorials & office hours	
23 Sep	Lecture: Sexualities & Genders	SOC+, ch 8
24 Sep 9am & 9pm	Tutorial quiz	
27-30 Sep	Office hours	
30 Sep	Lecture: Mass & Social Media	SOC+, ch 13
4-7 Oct	Tutorials	
7 Oct	Lecture: Social Stratification	SOC+, ch 6
8 Oct 9am & 9pm	Tutorial quiz	
12 Oct 9am & 9pm	Mid-term test	
14 Oct	Lecture: Education	New Society, ch 11
18-21 Oct	Tutorials	
21 Oct	Lecture: Race & Ethnicity	SOC+, ch 7
22 Oct 9am & 9pm	Tutorial quiz	
25-28 Oct	Office hours	
28 Oct	Lecture: Globalization & Development	New Society, ch 9
1-4 Nov	Tutorials	
4 Nov	Lecture: Deviance & Crime	SOC+, ch 5
5 Nov 9am & 9pm	Tutorial quiz	
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15-18 Nov	Tutorials	

18Nov	Lecture: Social Movements	SOC+, ch 14
19 Nov 9am & 9pm	Tutorial quiz	
22-25 Nov	Office hours	
25Nov	Lecture: Research Methods	New Society, ch 2
29 Nov-2 Dec	Tutorials & office hours	
2Dec	Lecture: Research Methods	New Society, ch 2
3 Dec 9am & 9pm	Tutorial quiz	
Between 10 and 21 Dec (exact date TBA) 9am & 9pm	Final assessment	All material since the mid-term plus the section of <i>SOC+</i> , chapter 6, titled "Global Inequality," pp. 135-9.

### Accessibility and accommodation

If you have accessibility concerns, click [here](#) as soon as possible. If you require accommodation for writing tutorial quizzes, the mid-term test or the final assessment you MUST register with Accommodated Testing Services as soon as possible by clicking [here](#).

### If you miss a tutorial quiz

If for any reason you miss a tutorial quiz, then the value of the quiz will be added to the value of the final assessment. For example, if you miss a tutorial quiz worth 5 percent of your final grade, your final assessment will be worth 50 percent of your final grade rather than 45 percent.

### If you miss the mid-term test

If you miss the mid-term test due to **illness or injury**, you must immediately email Professor McIvor ([mitchell.mcivor@utoronto.ca](mailto:mitchell.mcivor@utoronto.ca)) or Professor Brym ([robert.brym@utoronto.ca](mailto:robert.brym@utoronto.ca)) and declare your absence on ACORN. If you miss the mid-term test due to a **family emergency or other personal reason**, you must immediately contact your College Registrar, who will inform Professor Brym. If for any reason you miss the mid-term test, then its value will be added to the value of the final assessment; the final assessment, normally worth 45 percent of your final grade, will be worth 65 percent.

### If you miss the final assessment

If you miss the final assessment due to illness, injury or emergency in your immediate family, you may write a deferred assessment. To write the deferred assessment, you must petition your College Registrar, not Professor Brym, 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.

Cheating will not be tolerated. If you commit an academic offence, you will face serious penalties. Familiarize yourself with the University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters by clicking [here](#). This document is the rule book for academic behaviour at U of T.

Potential offences include, but are not limited to, the following:

On tutorial quizzes, tests and final assessments:

- 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;

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.