



## SOCI-101 – Introduction to Sociology: The Individual and Society

University Arts and Science

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2023

**Course Outline Review Date:** 2028-04-01

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**Program Area:** Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

**Description:**

This course introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology. In addition to theory and research methods, topics include culture, socialization, social structure and interaction, groups and organizations, gender, sexuality and intimate relationships, race and ethnicity, and globalization. Students will develop a sociological perspective to better understand human experience, diversity, and especially the vital link between self and society.

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**Program Information:**

This course can be used as either a required course or an elective in several College Programs. Refer to the College Program Guide for additional information.

**Delivery Methods:** On-campus (Face-to-Face), Hybrid – On-campus (Face-to-Face) and Online, Online

**Credit Type:** College of the Rockies Credits

**Credits:** 3

**Course type/s:** Social Sciences

**Instructional Activity and Hours:**

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45

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Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	45

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### Course Requisites:

None

### Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

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### Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

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### Textbook Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Kendall, Lindall and Murray, 2017. *Sociology in our Times*, 7th Canadian Edition. United States, Nelson

Course Reading Package

*Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.*

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### **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to

- Explain the theoretical and historical origins of sociology;
  - Differentiate, appraise, and apply the major sociological perspectives, to society, social problems, and everyday experience;
  - Relate culture, socialization, and social structure and interaction to selfhood, to social differences such as those occurring by class, gender, sexuality, and race and ethnicity, and to contemporary social issues such as globalization and decolonization;
  - Discuss the intersection of Western cultural imperialism and Indigenous culture and identity, finding within Indigenous scholarly texts examples of Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing that are different from long-held settler positions;
  - Describe how human behaviour is shaped by groups and organizations, and assess the relationship between institutionalization, conformity, and social change; and
  - Formulate a personal sociological perspective to explain both selfhood and contemporary global society.
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### **Course Topics:**

- The Sociological Perspective
- Sociological Theory and Perspectives
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Culture
- Socialization
- Social Structure and Interaction
- Groups and Organizations
- Gender
- Sex, Sexuality and Intimate Relationships
- Race and Ethnicity
- Globalization and Global Consciousness
- Conclusions

*See detailed Course Units for a precise outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.*

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## Evaluation and Assessments

### Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face) and Online, or Hybrid

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Attendance and Participation	10%
Written Assignments	15%
Exams	50%
Essay or Research Paper	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

**Evaluation Notes:** A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

#### Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

#### Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

#### Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to

this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.