



## SOCI-102 – Introduction to Sociology 2: Social Institutions

University Arts and Science

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2022

**Course Outline Review Date:** 2024-09-01

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

### Description:

This introductory course examines the major social institutions and social processes in contemporary society, and examines the central theoretical perspectives in sociology: functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism, feminism, and postmodernism. Topics include: Family, Education, Religion, Mass Media, Economy and Work, Power, Politics and Government, Social Class and Stratification, Global Stratification, and Collective Behaviour, Social Movements and Social Change.

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### Program Information:

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

**Delivery Methods:** On-campus (Face-to-Face), 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
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	

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Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

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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://transferralberta.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 will be able to:

- understand the unique perspective of sociology, and interpret each topical area in terms of each perspective;
  - demonstrate sound introductory knowledge of sociological theories;
  - demonstrate sound introductory knowledge of topical areas of sociology, such as family, education, religion, mass media, economy and work, power, politics and government, social class and stratification, global stratification, and collective behaviour, social movements and social change;
  - analyze both classical and contemporary sociological readings;
  - apply sociological knowledge to every day experiences;
  - recognize and develop meaningful sociological research questions; and,
  - write papers on specific sociological topics.
  - Communicate effectively in both oral and written form, employing methods appropriate to message and context;
  - analyze critically, fusing experience, knowledge and reasoning into considered judgment; and
  - identify, interpret, and solve problems, effectively implementing and evaluating proposed strategies.
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### **Course Topics:**

- Introduction to Sociology
- Theoretical Perspectives
- Family and Intimate Relationships
- Education
- Religion
- Mass Media
- The Economy and Work
- Power, Politics and Government
- Social Class and Stratification
- Global Stratification
- Collective Behaviour, Social Movements and Social Change
- Conclusions

*See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.*

## Evaluation and Assessments

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

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Attendance, Participation and Short Assignments	10
Midterm Exam	30
Essay or Research Paper	30
Final Exam	30

## 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

**Pass requirements:** None

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

### Evaluation Notes Comments:

*Please see the instructor’s syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments and use of electronic aids.*

### 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

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### **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.