

Introductory Sociology: SO 1000
Fall 1999: T & R: 8:30-9:50
Arts, Education, & Commerce
GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

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- o Sociology studies the way society is organized. It also studies how human beings interact in the context of their social institutions. The course introduces this intellectual discipline as a way of analysing the complex, multicultural world in which we live. Over the course of the semester we will attempt:
 - To become aware of the influence society has on our everyday behaviour;
 - To build a picture of the overall structure of Canadian society;
 - To learn how to analyse frequently encountered social situations; and
 - To see daily events as the product of social systems as well as of individual actions.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES

- o All class sessions will be devoted to lectures and discussions. Lecture material is distinct from readings. Lectures are intended to **complement and expand** on assigned readings rather to duplicate this material. At times videos will be shown.
- o Exams will cover the assigned readings and class lectures. The examinations will consist of a multiple choice and short written answer and/or essay questions that draw, equally, on material from lectures and readings. The balance of these will vary from test to test, with an increasing essay component for the final. The examinations will be non-cumulative. Make up exams or late assignments are not accepted or permitted.

- Being on time for class and class attendance is expected and required. For every four unexcused absences from class, your grade may drop by one number.
- The final grade will consist of:
 - 2 Quizzes 10%
 - 3 Exams 70%
 - Making a difference project 20%

MAKING A DIFFERENCE PROJECT

- You are responsible for doing something during the course of this semester toward "Making a Difference" in this world. The "something" has usually consisted of volunteering at a place or organization that appeals to you. However, you can choose other ways of making a difference. **All ideas must be approved by the Instructor.**
- Each student is responsible for at least 5 hours of service in their chosen area. This is a great opportunity for you to become involved in your community and the world at large. Each student is to write a paper describing their activity. **This paper is to be from three to five pages in length.** The activity is to be looked at from all of the sociological perspectives we have studied in this course. This is your opportunity to apply your sociological knowledge as well as your human compassion.

TEXTBOOK

Macdonis, J.J., Benolt, C. M., & Jansson, S. M. (1999). *Society: The Basics*. Scarborough: Prentice Hall Allyn & Bacon Canada.

Course Outline and Assigned Readings

Date	Topics	Readings
Sept. 9	An orientation to the course	None
Sept. 14	Sociology: Perspective, Theory & Method	Ch. 1
Sept. 21	First Quiz	
	Culture	Ch. 2
Sept. 28	Socialization	Ch. 3
Oct. 5	First Examination: Chs. 1, 2, 3 plus lecture notes	
	Social Stratification	Ch. 7
Oct 12	Second Quiz	
	Deviance	Ch. 6
Oct. 19	Race and Ethnicity	Ch. 9
Oct 21	"Making a difference" report due	
Oct. 27	Sex and Gender	Ch. 10
Nov. 9	Second Examination: Chs. 6, 7, 9, 10 plus lecture notes	
Nov 16	Family & Religion	Ch. 12
Nov 30	Population & Urbanization	Ch. 14
	Final Examination: Chs. 12, 14 plus lecture notes	