

**Introduction to Sociology: SO1000**  
**Fall 2005: M: 5:00 PM-8:00 PM**  
**Grande Prairie Regional College/YREC**

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- 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**

- 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.
- 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 un-excused absences from class, your grade may drop by one number.
- The final grade will consist of:
  - 3 Exams  
100%

**TEXTBOOK**

Macionis, J.J., Benoit, C. M., & Jansson, S. M. Society: The Basics.

Scarborough: Prentice Hall Allyn & Bacon Canada.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Sep 12	An orientation to the course
Sep 26	Sociology: Perspective, Theory & Method
Oct 3	Culture
Oct 17	Socialization
	<b>Oct 17: First Examination: 3 sections</b>
Oct 24	Social Stratification
Nov 7	Deviance
Nov 14	Race and Ethnicity
Nov 21	Sex and Gender
	<b>Nov 21: Second Examination: 3 sections</b>
Nov 28	Family
Dec 5	Religion
Dec 12	Population
	<b>Final Examination: 3 sections DTB</b>

Sep 4, 2005