

**St. Francis Xavier University
Department of Sociology**

Sociology 101.12
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Foundations of Sociology

This course will provide an overview of what it means to study people and society from a variety of sociological perspectives. The first part of the course traces the development of these perspectives along with the related methods sociologists use to study society. From here, the sociological concerns with Culture, Society, everyday social Interaction, and a variety of Social Institutions will provide the background for a review of the more substantive areas of sociological investigation which will be taken up in the Sociology 102 Introductory sections offered next term.

Upon completion of the course, you should have a thorough understanding of how Sociology refers to and depends upon specifically sociological perspectives, which will be shown to be distinct from, while still interested in, other disciplines that are also concerned with the human condition (Psychology, Philosophy, Anthropology, Economics, etc.). You should also appreciate to what extent sociological practice is based on these perspectives and the range of issues and concerns it studies. Finally you will understand – and hopefully be influenced by – the nature of the sociological commitment to encouraging a well-informed, critically aware and humanely concerned citizenry.

Course Readings

There is no one textbook for this course. Instead, a series of readings and video presentations will be assigned as the course proceeds. These resources will be either posted or linked to, from the course Moodle page.

Evaluation

Mid-Term Test -----	25%
Term Assignment -----	25%
In-class Exercises -----	5%
Participation -----	10%
Final Exam -----	35%

Important Dates: The Mid-Term Test will be held on Thursday, October 8th 2020. The Due Date for the Term Assignment is Friday, November 6th 2020 (Note: Be sure to consult the posted guidelines for the term assignment before you begin to work on it). The Final examination will be held during the regular exam period, on the day assigned by the

Registrar's Office. This date will be posted by the Registrar's office early in the term. The deadline to drop a three-credit first term course is Friday, November 13th 2020.

Attendance, Respect, and Academic Integrity

Regular class attendance is important and expected of everyone enrolled in the course. Please be sure you are familiar with the regulations on course attendance and withdrawal as outlined on page 12 of the University Calendar. Note also that plagiarism and academic dishonesty are considered very serious academic offenses which can seriously and permanently impact your academic record and career. What constitutes such offenses and how they will be responded to is outlined on page 13 of the University Calendar.

Everyone learns more effectively in a respectful, safe and equitable learning environment, free from discrimination and harassment. I invite you to work with me to create a classroom space that fosters and promotes values of human dignity, equity, non-discrimination and respect for diversity". Please feel free to contact the Human Rights and Equity Advisor Megan Fogarty if you have questions or concerns about equity in any class or in the StFX Community in general. Megan can be contacted by email at mfogarty@stfx.ca or by telephone at 902-867-5306.

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http://www.sites.stfx.ca/registrar_office/academic_integrity. Please read this over.

Office Hours

My office is in Nicholson Tower, Room 616, however this year office hours will be held virtually, meaning I may not physically be in the office during these times and the "meeting" will be on line. The virtual office hours are:

Tuesday	3:00 to 5:00
Thursday	2:00 to 4:00

There will be times when I am unable to be in the virtual office during the posted office hours due to committee and department meetings or unforeseen circumstances. If this happens, please send an email message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Other times can be arranged by appointment if you are unable to make those listed. Contact me through e-mail to arrange a meeting or to ask any questions.

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