

**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, related 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 from a range of authors will be listed and made available through the course Moodle site. These readings will be assigned and posted as the course progresses.

**Evaluation**

Mid-Term Test -----	25%
Term Assignment -----	25%
In-class Exercises -----	10%
Participation -----	10%
Final Exam -----	30%
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**Important Dates:** The Mid-Term Test will be held on Thursday, **October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Due Date for the Term Assignment is **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**. The Final examination will be held during the Christmas exam period, on the day assigned by the Registrar's Office. This

date should be available by the end of the first week in October. Note: Be sure to consult the distributed guidelines for the term assignment before you begin writing.

### **Attendance, Plagiarism, Academic Dishonesty**

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.

### **Office Hours**

My office is in the Annex, Rm 9-C (lower floor, towards Lane Hall). Office hours are as follows:

Tuesday 2:15 to 4:15  
Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00

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

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Feel free to drop in to discuss any aspect of the course or the Sociology program more generally at any time during the term

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