

**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. Whenever possible 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 Monday, October 7th 2019. The Due Date for the Term Assignment is Monday, November 4th 2019 (Note: Be sure to consult the distributed 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 on Friday, September 27th 2019. The deadline to drop a three-credit first term course is Friday, November 1st 2019.

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 Rm 617 in the Nicholson Tower. Office hours are as follows:

Wednesday	2:30 to 4:30
Thursday	1:00 to 3:30

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. 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 ask any questions or arrange a meeting.

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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

Everyone learns more effectively in a respectful, safe, and equitable learning environment free from discrimination or 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. These values and practices are in accord with the StFX Discrimination and Harassment Policy which can be found at <http://www.mystfx.ca/campus/stu-serv/equity/>. Please feel free to discuss with me any questions or concerns you have about equity in our classroom or in the StFX community. If I cannot answer your questions or help you address your concerns, I encourage you to talk to the Chair/Coordinator of the Department/Program or the Human Rights and Equity Advisor.