

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

**Sociology 101.17  
Fall, 2022**

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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 introductory sections offered next term in Sociology 102.

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 (Philosophy, Economics, Anthropology, Psychology, 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 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 on the course Moodle page.

**Evaluation**

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

**Attendance, Respect, and Academic Integrity**

Regular class attendance is especially important and expected of everyone enrolled in this course. Please be sure you are familiar with the regulations on course attendance and

withdrawal as outlined on page 14 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 in the the University Calendar on page 14 under “Academic Integrity”.

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](mailto:mfogarty@stfx.ca) or by telephone at 902-867-5306.

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### **Office Hours**

My office is in Nicholson Tower, Room 616. I will be available to meet during office hours listed below. Other times can be arranged (by email) if you are unable to meet during these times. Also note that meetings will be held virtually this term, but that in-person meetings can also be arranged upon request. The office hours for this term only are:

Monday	11:15 to 2:00
Thursday	10:00 to 12:00
Friday	11:00 to 1:00 (by appointment)

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

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**Schedule of Topics**  
(Subject to modification)

The class meets in MULH 2032 on Tuesday @ 3:45 to 5:00 pm & Thursday @ 2:15 to 3:30

	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Course Overview	The Beginnings of Sociology
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Modernity & Postmodernity	The Sociological Imagination
Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sociology and Science	Emile Durkheim's Social Facts
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Durkheim's Types of Solidarity	Karl Marx and Capitalism
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	"Wage, Labour & Capital"	<i>Roger &amp; Me</i>
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Max Weber and Politics	<b>Mid-Term Test</b>
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Adorno & The Culture Industry	The Culture Industry Continued
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Social Construction of Reality	Symbolic Interaction
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Erving Goffman	Philip Zimbardo
		<b>(Term Assignment Due)</b>
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Study Break – No Classes</b>	
Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ethnomethodology	Manufacturing Consent
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mind, Self & Society	Art & Mechanical Reproduction
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> & Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Analysis	Choosing Sociology
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Review – Exam Overview	

**Important Dates:** The Mid-Term Test will be held on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**. The Due Date for the Term Assignment is **Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022** (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 Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022.** Students choosing to do so must be sure the course is dropped online, in Banner in order for the course grade-to-date to be omitted from one's official university transcript. No longer attending does not automatically drop one from the course.

**Additional Note: (X-ACT)**

About **X-ACT**: Incoming students are encouraged to sign up for **X-ACT – StFX ACademic Transition** program. Students who successfully complete the program by attending 5 of the 6 workshops will be able to select one from a list of incentives. (Upper-year students enrolled in this course who would like to participate in the program are invited to email [sscentre@stfx.ca](mailto:sscentre@stfx.ca) to sign up