

St. Francis Xavier University
Department of Sociology

Sociology 102.21
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Introduction to Sociology II

This course is designed as a follow-up to the Sociology 101 course by showing how the foundational Sociological theories and research perspectives are “played out” in the form of contemporary social thought and research. A range of the more substantive areas of the field will be introduced and are divided into four main categories: 1) Criminal Justice and Social Control; 2) Sanity, Insanity, and Mental Health; 3) Racism, Colonialism, and Civil Rights; 4) Media, Technology, and Popular Culture.

Upon completion of the course, you should have a thorough understanding of how Sociology conceives of and why it is so concerned about the Criminal Justice System; how the Sociological orientation to mental health developed and continues to change mental health thinking and practices; how racism and the struggle for civil rights is related to the history of colonialism around the world; and finally how the media, technology and popular culture all participate in development of the above concerns.

Course Readings and Evaluation

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. The readings will be assigned and posted as the course progresses. Videos will be shown during class time and posted to Moodle only when doing so does not infringe on copyright laws. Course evaluation will consist of the following:

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

Important Dates: The first two weeks of this course are online. In-person classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, January 31, 2022. The Mid-Term test will be held in class on **Thursday, March 3, 2022**. The Due Date for the Term Essay Assignment is **Thursday, March 24, 2022**. The last day to drop second-term half courses is **Tuesday, March 22, 2022**. Students choosing to drop a course should do so online in Banner, in order for the course grade-to-date to be omitted from your official university transcript. The final examination will be held during the regular exam period in April, on the day assigned by the Registrar's Office. This date will be available early in the term.

Attendance, Respect, and Academic Integrity

Most all of what you will be tested on in this course will be taken from lectures, presentations, and discussions from class. This means that regular class attendance is both very 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 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, can be found 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 either myself, the Chair of the Sociology Department or 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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Office Hours

My office is in Nicholson Tower, Room 616, however this term, 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 in the Collaborate ‘virtual classroom’. The virtual office hours are: Any time Wednesday, between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. by appointment or any other day if Wednesday does not work for you. Contact me by email or after class to arrange an appointment to discuss any aspect of the class, the material being covered, or about the Sociology program more generally.

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 and other days can be arranged by appointment. Also, feel free to contact me any time through e-mail to arrange a meeting or to ask any questions.

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Schedule of Topics

(subject to revision as the class progresses)

The class meets on Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 5:00 pm & Thursdays @ 2:15 to 3:30
(On Line – Jan. 18th to Jan. 27th – In Person Feb 1st to Apr. 14th)

	Tuesday	Thursday
Jan. 18 th & 20 th	Introduction	Criminal Justice - Overview Crime and the Law
Jan. 25 th & 27 th	Police History and training	Policing practices Systemic racism
Feb. 1 st & 3 rd	Legal System Models	The Court system
Feb. 8 th & 10 th	Overview of Corrections	Introduction to Mental Health The Medical model & beyond
Feb. 15 th & 17 th	History of treatment and asylums	Sanity and 'Insanity'
Feb. 22 nd & 24 th	Study Break – No Classes	
Mar. 1 st & 3 rd	The Problem of Dementia	Mid-Term Test
Mar. 8 th & 10 th	Colonialism and Imperialism	Colonial history
Mar. 15 th & 17 th	Postcolonial theory	Slavery – US and the Caribbean
Mar. 22 nd & 24 th	The Civil Rights Movement	Indigenous rights in Canada & the US (Term essay Due)
Mar. 29 th & 31 st	Introduction to Cultural Studies	Representation
Apr. 5 th & 7 th	The Problem of 'truth' in media	Media and the State
Apr. 12 th & 14 th	Social Media	Final Exam Overview

Final Exam – TBA