



EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 2004
CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

A: Division: **INSTRUCTIONAL** Effective Date: **SEPTEMBER 2004**

B: Department / **SOCIOLOGY** Revision New Course
 Program Area: **FACULTY OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

If Revision, Section(s) **C, J**
 Revised:
 Date of Previous Revision: **MAY 2002**
 Date of Current Revision: **APRIL 2004**

C: **SOCI 1125** D: **SOCIAL PROCESSES** E: **3**

Subject & Course No.	Descriptive Title	Semester Credits
F:	Calendar Description: Social Processes introduces the student to the general matter and perspectives of sociology. The course investigates the relations of the individual to society, and the processes by which groups and institutions change in response to a dynamic social structure. The areas of stability, change, inequality and power are examined within the context of current social, political and economic conditions. The course attempts to stimulate thought and discussion on contemporary social issues.	
G:	Allocation of Contact Hours to Type of Instruction / Learning Settings	H: Course Prerequisites: NONE
	Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings: Lecture	I: Course Corequisites: NONE
	Number of Contact Hours: (per week /semester for each descriptor) Lecture: 4 hrs. per week / semester	J: Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite ALL SOCI 2000 LEVEL COURSES
	Number of Weeks per Semester: 15	K: Maximum Class Size: 35
L: PLEASE INDICATE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Credit <input type="checkbox"/> College Credit Non-Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Credit Transfer:		
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M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of the course the successful student will be able to:

1. Define the basic concepts of sociology and communicate these effectively.
2. Identify several key historical figures in the development of the discipline and discuss their contributions to the field.
3. Be able to identify characteristics of the sociological perspective and to distinguish this from that of other scientific perspectives.
4. Identify and compare the dominant sociological theoretical perspectives.
5. Identify the primary stages and agents of socialization.
6. Describe the characteristics of stratification systems, with particular emphasis on social class.
7. Discuss the ways in which social inequality is produced through social factors, especially age, gender, race and ethnicity.
8. Identify some of the primary changes in social and economic organization which have taken place historically, with specific emphasis as well on recent years.
9. Describe the development of social institutions in Canadian society, with particular emphasis on at least one of the following: the family, education, religion, politics, and health and medicine.
10. Identify some of the key features of contemporary demographic change, and describe how they differ from traditional demographic characteristics.
11. Discuss the characteristics of the processes of social change and modernization in Canada and on a global basis.

N: Course Content:

1. Introduction: The Foundations of Sociology
 The historical development of sociology
 Sociology as a science
 Theoretical Perspectives
2. Culture and Social Interaction
 Cultural diversity
 Status, roles, values, norms
 The social construction of reality
 The presentation of self
3. Socialization
 Stages and Processes of Socialization
 Agents of socialization: family, peers, school, media
4. Social Stratification and Inequality
 Caste and class systems: achievement and ascription
 Theoretical perspectives of social inequality
 Dimensions of inequality: age, gender, race and ethnicity
 Inequality and social conflict
 Social classes in Canada; poverty
 Historical development of economic systems
 Comparative economic systems
 Work in the post industrial society

Course Content Cont'd.

5. Sociological Categories: Sex, Race and Ethnicity
 - Gender and socialization
 - Gender and stratification
 - Theoretical perspectives of gender
 - Race and ethnicity in Canada
 - Perspectives of racial and ethnic interaction

6. Social Institutions (select one or more from the following)
 - The Family, Education, Religion, Health and Medicine
 - Theoretical perspectives of institutions
 - The functions of institutions
 - Social organization of institutions

7. Demography and Urbanization
 - History and theory of population growth
 - Urbanization
 - Human Ecology

8. Modernization and Global Social Change
 - Sociological approaches to modernization
 - Collective behaviour and social movements
 - Global social change
 - Global inequality

O: Methods of Instruction:

The course will employ a variety of instructional methods to accomplish its objectives, including some of the following: lectures, seminar presentations, audio-visual materials, small group discussions and workshops, research projects and term papers.

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students:

A suitable introductory sociology text approved by the discipline such as:

Macionis, John J. (2002). Sociology: Canadian Edition (4th ed.). Scarborough: Prentice-Hall.

Texts will be updated periodically.

Q: Means of Assessment:

Evaluation will be based on course objectives and will be carried out in accordance with Douglas College policy. The instructor will provide a written course outline with specific criteria during the first week of classes.

An example of a possible evaluation scheme would be:

- exams composed of multiple choice, true/false, short answer and/or short essay questions
- essay assignments
- oral presentations
- participation in class discussion]
- student presentations
- group discussions

Means of Assessment Cont'd:

An example of a possible evaluation scheme would be:

Midterm	30%
Essay/Written Assignment	25%
Essay/Outline	5%
Final Exam	30%
Participation	10%

R: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR

No.

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