

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: SOC-100-Introduction to Sociology

CLASS SECTION: 001

TERM:2025W

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Face-to-Face

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: Thursday: 1000-100, Friday: 100-200, or by appointment

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Basic principles and methods of sociology are introduced. Emphasis is placed upon society as institutionalized human behaviour, the various factors which control or alter it, and the effects upon the individual and the group. The major objective of the course is to develop a critical understanding of modern society.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

C+ in English 12

C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S): Not applicable

EQUIVALENCIES: Not applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

Demonstrate that the sociological perspective is a valid approach to studying, understanding, explaining, and predicting patterns of human behavior, social structure and organization.

Define the major concepts of sociology and use them to examine human behavior and the social world.

Identify and describe the major sociological perspectives of functionalism, social conflict, interactionism and feminism.

Apply the major sociological perspectives to examine research, social interaction, culture, inequalities, social institutions, and social change.

Identify the historical roots and the current directions of sociology.

Describe the influences of social structure and organization on their lives, the times in which they live, and their society.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION/INFORMATION

SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology (2022), Custom Edition, Dr. Alex Ipe published by Cengage

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION/ACTIVITY/ EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
January 6 to 10	Introduction: Chapter 1	
January 13 to 17	Introduction Continued & Research Methods: Ch 1 & 2	
January 20 to 24	Research Methods Continued & Culture: Ch 2 & 3	
January 27 to 31	Culture Continued & Socialization: Ch 3 & 4	
February 3 to 7	Video Assignment (Feb 4) & Socialization Continued: Ch 4	
February 10 to 14	First Test (Feb. 11) & Social Interaction: Ch 5	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
February 17 to 21	READING BREAK	
February 24 to 28	Ch 5 continued & First Group Discussion (Feb 27)	
March 3 to 7	Groups and Digital Communication/A.I.: Chapter 6	
March 10 to 14	Second Test (March 11) & Sociology of Deviance: Ch 7	
March 17 to 21	Sociology of Deviance Continued & Population: Ch 7 & Ch 8	
March 24 to 28	Second Group Discussion (March 25)/Reading Assignment (March 27)	
March 31 to April 4	Optional Bonus Assignments (April 1 and April 3)	
April 7 to 11	Review for Final Test (April 8) & Final Test (April 10 -Last Class)	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page.https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams)

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
TEST#1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3)	25%
Test#2 (Chapters 4, 5, 6)	25%
Test#3 (Chapters 7, one part of Chapter 8 that deals with Population and Society)	14%
In-Class Video Assignment	10%
Two Group-Discussion Assignments (#1 =6% and #2 =6%)	12%
IN-CLASS READING ASSIGNMENT	14%
Optional Bonus Assignments, 2% x 2 (Tentative)	4%
TOTAL	100% (104%)

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

In Class Tests

The tests will consist of approximately 40 multiple-choice questions and students will have 80 minutes to answer all forty questions. It should be noted that the tests may have 1-5 bonus questions – also multiple choice – in addition to the 40 test questions. The purpose of having the bonus questions is to give students an opportunity to score 100% or higher on a given test. It should be emphasized that students do not need to do the bonus questions if they do not want to. However, it is strongly encouraged that students at least attempt the bonus questions since they will not be penalized for answering a bonus question incorrectly. The dates for all of the tests are as follows:

TEST#1: Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11

TEST#2: Tuesday, MARCH 11

TEST#3: Thursday, APRIL 10

The class before every test will constitute an informal review class if time permits; in essence, a review class is like a tutorial session where students come to class with prepared questions on the lecture content they will be tested on. As such, *the review classes are directed by students, and work best when students arrive with items to discuss.*

Group Discussions (12%)¹

During the course of the term, two discussion groups will be held on the dates listed below depending on which class you are in.

GROUP DISCUSSION#1 = Thursday, February 27

GROUP DISCUSSION#2 = Tuesday, March 25

These discussions will have slightly different instructions associated with them, but essentially, both of them require the student to read a specific article and prepare a brief analysis of that article. *Both articles and the associated instructions can be found on D2L.*

In-Class Video Assignment (10%)

On **Tuesday, February 4** – a documentary video will be shown that highlights the critical topic of human socialization. Immediately after the video, students will be required to answer a question directly related to the issue of socialization and the case study presented in the documentary on their own. The response to this question must be in sentence form and clearly articulated; in other words, do not make vague or incomplete statements. The quality of the response is what is important, not how long the answer is. In this respect, **limit your answer to ONE page, single spaced**. Once again, this does not mean you have to write one page, but try your best not to submit a response that is longer than one page.

In-Class Reading Assignment (14%)

On **Thursday, March 27** – a short article will be handed out in class for students to read. The article will deal with issues that are covered in Chapter 7 of the text on criminal deviance. After reading the article, students will then answer a number of questions related to the article, and hand in their work at the end of the class.

Two Optional Bonus Assignments - 4% (2 x 2% each)

On **Tuesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 3** – students will have an opportunity to earn bonus marks totaling up to 2% that will be added to their final grade upon completion of the course. **Since this component is purely optional, students can elect not to complete the exercise associated with the bonus mark.** The exercise itself requires students to watch selective parts of two Hollywood movies that deal with social issues and then to answer one question associated with the videos. Unlike the previous in-class video assignment, this one will not be graded. As long as students provide a reasonable response, they will automatically earn the bonus mark. However, if the response shows a serious lack of effort, it will not earn the full one percent. Students who miss this assignment can receive the bonus mark provided they have a legitimate reason.

¹*In order to be fair to all students, the following conduct will be penalized:*

- **Depositing your questions with the instructor or sending them with another student and not participating in the discussions.**
- **Not attending the discussion sessions without a legitimate excuse.**
- **Doing the review sessions before class and then just coming to class to hand in the review session.**

Missed Tests and/or Assignments

IF STUDENTS MISS TESTS OR ASSIGNMENTS, OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS, IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AS SOON AS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ABSENCE. IN ORDER TO MAKE-UP THE MISSED COURSE COMPONENT, STUDENTS NEED TO PROVIDE A LEGITIMATE REASON, OTHERWISE THEY WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO ON THE MISSED COMPONENT. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS WHO WAIT UNTIL THE TERM IS OVER TO DISCUSS WHY THEY MISSED HANDING IN ASSIGNMENTS, WRITING TESTS, OR TAKING PART IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS, WILL NOT BE ACCOMODATED. LASTLY, IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW-UP ON E-MAILS INFORMING THE INSTRUCTOR OF MISSED TESTS AND ASSIGNMENTS, AS SOMETIMES E-MAILS ARE NOT RECEIVED DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES OR DUE TO USING AN INCORRECT ADDRESS.

Digital-Recording in the Classroom

In order to ensure free and open discussion of ideas by the students, *digital recording of any kind is not permitted in class*. Exceptions, however, will be made for students who are visually impaired or are unable to write due to physical disability. *Lastly, laptops are only permitted if they are being used to take notes or access D2L. If it appears that students are not using laptops in a constructive manner, they will not be permitted to bring laptops to class.*

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Sociology is in the Department of Social Sciences

Chair: Katie Waterhouse

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit camosun.ca/services.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support
Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines:
<https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education.

To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes

