CAMOSUN COLLEGE School of Arts & Science Social Sciences

SOC 200 – INDUSTRIALIZATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Fall 2004

COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor Information

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Calendar Description:

A sociohistorical analysis of the development of industrial society, with emphasis on Canada. Topics to be examined include the role of ideologies, theories of social change, the character of advanced capitalist societies, development and underdevelopment, colonialism and imperialism, revolution and the global economy.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- demonstrate a knowledge of the development of capitalist industrial society in its Canadian and global contexts.
- Employ a sociological perspective to critically assess the neoliberal and political economy explanations of globalization and its impact on Canadian society.

Required Texts:

Ellwood, Wayne. The No-Nonsense Guide to Globalization. New Internationalist, 2001.

Hunt, E. K. *Property and Prophets: The Evolution of* Economic Institutions and Ideologies, 7th updated ed. M. E. Sharpe, 2003.

McBride, Stephen. Paradigm Shift: Globalization and the Canadian State. Fernwood, 2001.

Evaluation Procedures:

A. Assignments:

| (i) | First exam | 25% |
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| (ii) | Second exam | 25% |
| (iii) | Third exam | 15% |
| (iv) | Term paper | 35% |

Letter Grades:

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

| A+ = 95 - 100% | B = 75 - 79% | D = 50 - 59% |
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| A = 90 - 94% | B- = 70 - 74% | F = 0.0 - 49% |
| A- = 85 - 89% | C+ = 65 - 69% | |
| B+ = 80 - 84% | C = 60 - 64% | |

B. Format

(i) *First Exam:* (25%)

The first exam will be based on the material covered to date in the course. Four questions will be given out one week before the exam, and the student will be asked to answer two of them in essay form. The exam will be written in class **October 21**.

(ii) Second Exam: (25%)

The second exam will focus on material covered since the first. It will have the same format as the first exam, and will be written in class **November 18**.

(iii) Third Exam: (15%)

The third exam will be an "objective style" multiple-choice exam, but will attempt to test one's conceptual rather than factual knowledge. It will focus on material covered since the second exam, and will be written in class **December 9**.

(iv) Term Paper): (35%)

Each student is responsible for completing a research paper of six, double-spaced, typewritten pages (1500) words). The paper must deal with one of the problems, identified by McBride, that confront Canada in the new global age. An outline of the paper must be submitted for approval on October 5. The assignment will be due **November 23**.

Required Reading:

The student will be required to read selected chapters of the texts.

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at http://www.camosun.bc.ca

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html

Course Objectives:

The objective of the course is to give the student a thorough grasp of the nature of industrial society. Its development will be traced from feudal times to the present, in order to explicate the social structure and ideology that defined each historical stage. Canada's relation to this historical process will be examined, with the aim of understanding her role as a particular form of capitalist industrial society. The problems of industrial societies will be examined with the objective of clarifying their source, and thereby distinguishing between industrial society per se, and various socio-economic forms of it. Finally, the emergence of the post-industrial society, and Canada's position in the global economy will be considered.

Course Topic Areas:

- A. An Introduction to the Perspective of the Course.
- B. Feudalism and the Transition to Industrial Capitalism.
- C. The Socialist Response.
- D. The Transition to Corporate Capitalism.
- E. The Socialist Response to Corporate Capitalism.
- F. Global Capitalism.
- G. Global Capitalism: the Canadian Case.
- H. The Critical Response to Global Capitalism.