



## COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/soc.html>

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only.  
 It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records.  
 You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Dr. Francis Adu-Febiri		
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by Camosun College's Education Council.)

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

1. Demonstrate that the sociological perspective is a valid approach to studying, understanding, explaining, and predicting patterns of human behavior, social structure and organization.
2. Define the major concepts of sociology and use them to examine human behavior and the social world.
3. Identify and describe the major sociological perspectives of functionalism, social conflict, interactionism and feminism.
4. Apply the major sociological perspectives to examine research, social interaction, culture, inequalities, social institutions, and social change.
5. Identify the historical roots and the current directions of sociology.
6. Describe the influences of social structure and organization on their lives, the times in which they live, and their society.

### 3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

Ravelli, Bruce and Michelle Webber.

2010. *Exploring Sociology: A Canadian Perspective*. Toronto: Pearson Canada.

(b) Other

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

(This section can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

#### COURSE SCHEDULE AND READINGS:

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPICS, READINGS &amp; GUIDING QUESTIONS</u>
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#### **SEPTEMBER**

1.	Tue/Th	08/10	Introduction of the course <b>Issues and Controversies in Sociology</b> (Chapter 1 of Required Text)
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*Is sociology a science, and can it make a difference in people's lives?*

2. Tue./Th 15/17 **Sociological Research Methodology and Methods**  
(Chapter 4 of Required Text)  
*Why does sociology adopt the research methods discussed in the chapter?*
3. Tue/Th 22/24 **Sociological Paradigms/Perspective and Theories.**  
(Chapters 2 and 3 of Required Text)  
*Are they necessary? Can they sufficiently account for human behaviour and the social world?*
4. Tue/Th 29/Oct 01 **Social Structure and Social Interaction in Everyday Life**  
(pp. 20-28, 62-82 and 142-145 of Required Text)  
*Do they adequately explain why human affairs do not usually dissolve into a "war of all against all"?*

## OCTOBER

### GROUP/CLASS DISCUSSION #1

5. . Tuesday Oct. 06  Thursday Oct. 08	<b>Group Discussion #1</b>  Critical Review #1 Due Question/Justification #1 Due  <b>Class Discussion #1</b>	<b>CRIME, LAW AND REGULATIONS</b> (Chapter 14 of Required Text)
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6. Tue/Th 13/15 **Culture**  
(Chapter 5 of Required Text)  
*Does it adequately account for the immense similarities and differences in the ways people feel and behave?*
7. Tue/Th 20/22 **Socialisation:**  
(Chapter 6 of Required Text)  
*Does society shape what a person can and will become, or are people prisoners of their genetic endowment?*

8. Tuesday 27	Theories of Socialization
<b>Thursday 29</b>	<b>MIDTERM EXAMINATION</b>

## NOVEMBER

9. Tue/Th 03/05 **Social Stratification and Social Class**  
(Chapter 7 of Required Text)

*Opportunity for social mobility or inevitable process of oppression?*

**GROUP/CLASS DISCUSSION #2**

10. Tuesday 10		<b>Group Discussion #2</b>	<b>GLOBALIZATION</b> (Chapter 19 of Required Text)
Thursday 12		Critical Review #2 Due Question/Justification #2 Due	
		<b>Class Discussion</b>	

- 11                      Tue/Th                      17/19                      **Gender and Race/Ethnic Relations:**  
(Chapters 8 and 10 of Required Text)  
*Do gender, race and ethnic inequality and oppression diminish in a post-modern society?*
12.                      Tue/Th                      24/26                      **Central Institutions of Society:**  
**The Family and Education**  
(Chapters 11 and 12.of Required Text)  
*How do they intersect to produce fruitful and futile individuals and societies?*

**DECEMBER**

- 13                      Tue/Th                      01/03                      **Central Institutions of Society:**  
**Work and Political Economy**  
(Chapter 16 of Required Text)  
*What are their interrelationships, and what are their Impact on the individual, family, and country?*
14.                      Tue./Th 08/10                      **Central Institutions of Society**  
**Religion**  
(Chapter 13 of Required Text)  
*Why is the belief in the supernatural universal?*

**5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)**

*(This section should be directly linked to the Intended Learning Outcomes.)*

- Critical Review:**                      **7%**
- Question & Justification:**                      **8%**
- Quizzes:**                      **2%**
- Midterm Examination:**                      **23%**
- Research Essay (OPTIONAL):** **20%**
- Final Examination**                      **60% or 40%**

(a) Assignments

- (b) Quizzes
- (c) Exams
- (d) Other (e.g., Attendance, Project, Group Work)

## 6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 <sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

## 7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### 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, at Student Services, or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED

