

Last Revised: February 2022

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Introduction to Sociology

Course Number: SOCI 101

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level:

First Year

Second Year

New

Revised Course

Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences

Department Head: Audrey McDougall

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to some of the principal concepts, theories and methods used by sociologists to make sense of society. The course includes an analysis of the origins of sociology and an examination of the relevance of classical concepts such as division of labour, alienation, anomie, class, power and rationalization of the contemporary world.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- explain the sociological perspective
- explain the major theoretical perspectives within sociology
- identify the main research methods used in sociology
- analyze the nature of social life using basic sociological concepts
- analyze social differences and inequalities using basic sociological concepts.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 30% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments: 1 written assignment, 1 video assignment</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 20% <i>Specify nature of participation: a combination of activities including reflections on class material, short video, worksheets, summary of readings, videos, and websites.</i>	Project: % <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: %

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Symbaluk, Diane, G. and Tami M. Bereska. 2019. *Sociology in Action: A Canadian Perspective*. Third Edition. Toronto: Nelson.

Throughout the course, the instructor may recommend additional reading material.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to the course. An Introduction to Sociology. What is Sociology?
Week 2	Sociological Imagination. History of Sociology. Theoretical Perspectives.
Week 3	Sociological Research Methods. The Research Process. Research Methods - Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches. Ethical Concerns.
Week 4	What is Culture? Elements of Culture. Pop Culture, Subculture and Cultural Change. Theoretical Perspectives on Culture
Week 5	Theories of Self Development. Why Socialization Matters. Agents of Socialization. Socialization Across the Life Course.
Week 6	Social Inequality. Sanctioned Social Inequality. Wealth as a Measure of Social Class. Poverty as a Feature of Canadian Society. Theories of Social Inequality.
Week 7	Social Inequality. Theories of Social Inequality MIDTERM EXAM
Week 8	Media and Technology. Technology Today. Media and Technology in Society. Global Implications.
Week 9	Media and Technology. Media Consumption. Theoretical Perspectives on Media and Technology

Week 10	Gender, Sex and Sexuality. The Difference between Gender, Sex and Sexuality. Gender Roles and Gender Identity. Gender Socialization.
Week 11	Gender, Sociological Perspectives on Gender,
Week 12	Race and Ethnicity. Racial, Ethnic and Minority Groups. Stereotypes, Prejudice and Discrimination. Theories of Race and Ethnicity.
Week 13	Race and Ethnicity. Intergroup Relations and the Management of Diversity. Race and Ethnicity in Canada.
Week 14	FINAL EXAM

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca