

Effective: Fall 2024

## COURSE INFORMATION

**Course Title:** Canadian Society

**Course Number:** SOCI 102

**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

In this course students will examine some major sociological issues in the analysis of Canadian society. Differing theoretical perspectives will be applied to the following topics: the development of the economic structure, the class structure and its relationship to regional development, ethnicity as a sociological phenomenon, the creation of a gendered social world, population characteristics, processes and theories, and sociological theories of religion.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- explain the sociological perspective
- explain the major theoretical perspectives within sociology
- analyze a number of the institutions of Canadian society [familial, religious, scientific, educational, legal, economic, political...] using the major theoretical perspectives within sociology
- explain the significance of social movements
- outline the sociology of work
- outline the elements of environmental sociology
- explore the sociology of health and illness
- explain the implications of globalization.

## 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: 2 written assignments</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation: a combination of videos, reflections, worksheets and summaries of videos, websites, and readings</i>	Project: %
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exam: 30%	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. 2021. *Sociology in Action: A Canadian Perspective*. Fourth Edition. Toronto: Nelson.

Welsh, Sandy (2017) Chapter 12 - Work and Occupations. In *New Society 8<sup>th</sup> Edition*. (ed) Robert Brym. Nelson Education: Toronto. Pp. 268-296.

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 What is Sociology?
Week 2	Sociological Imagination. History of Sociology. Theoretical Perspectives. Critical Thinking.
Week 3	Marriage and Family. What is marriage? What is a family? Variations in Family Life. Challenges Families Face. Theories of the Family
Week 4	Learning what is "True" Religion, Science and Education. Belief systems, religion. Key sociological theories of religion. The nature of scientific truth. Role of education in modern society. Contemporary debates about religion
Week 5	Deviance, Crime and Social Control. Deviance and Control. Theoretical Perspectives on Deviance. Crime and the Law
Week 6	Traditional forms of punishment. Restorative forms of punishment. Health and Illness: it is "lifestyle" or something more?" Development of the sociology of health and illness. Epidemiological transitions. Top causes of death in Canada.

Week 7	"Actual" causes of death. Health and social inequalities. Canada's healthcare system. Theoretical perspectives on health and illness. <b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>
Week 8	Work and the Economy. Changing Nature of Work. Health and Social Issues. Labour Market Segmentation and Job Ghetto. Alienation and Worker Resistance.
Week 9	Work and the Economy. Immigration and the Workplace. Gendered Work.
Week 10	Population, Urbanization and the Environment. Demography and Population. Urbanization
Week 11	Going Green": Environmental Sociology. Environmental Challenges. Theories of Environmentalism. Greenwashing.
Week 12	Social Movements and Social Change. Collective Behaviour. Social Movements. Social Change.
Week 13	Globalization. Defining Globalization. Overview and Early Globalization. Globalization in Everyday Life. Globalization and Neoliberalism. Responses to Globalization.
Week 14	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>

**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](#)

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