

## **Introduction to Sociology**

Sociology and Anthropology 150

Section: D100

Term: 1999 Summer

Instructor: Dr. Gerardo Otero

Discussion Topics: Day

### Course Outline

This course is aimed toward students who are curious about the social world and bewildered by their role in it. Sociology links private individual concerns with their wider social origins. The course introduces basic concepts, controversies and some classical theorists of the discipline, however, the focus lies in contemporary social issues, viewed from a critical perspective.

Current world politics and major historical events (end of the Cold War, economic globalization, the rise of nationalism) will be brought together in order to orient students in the present ideological vacuum. Economic globalization is placing Canada in much greater contact with other societies. Thus, our course takes an international perspective on emerging issues. These are analyzed in the context of our changing institutions, such as the family, work and the work place, gender relations, population and the environment, ethnic and race relations, economic and political power, and social research methods. Both unique Canadian characteristics as well as trends elsewhere will be discussed. The aim is a better understanding of the rapid change and conflict in modern society. Hence sociological thinking demystifies dominant ideologies and questions conventional wisdom.

Course Organization: One weekly two hour lecture and one two hour tutorial. Films are shown to highlight crucial world conflicts and form part of the examination.

Written reviews of 4 to 5 handouts and their discussion in the tutorial is expected. There will be a mid-term and a final quantitative multiple-choice examination.

Grading: The final grade will be determined on the basis of 10% tutorial participation, 10% timely handing in of review, 20% timely handing in of family biography, 30% midterm, 30% final examination.

Required Texts: Tepperman, Lorne and Michael Rosenberg. Macro/Micro: A Brief Introduction to Sociology.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: There are no prerequisites for this course.

Notes: All assignments not submitted in class MUST be placed in the drop box slot on the door of the General Office, AQ 5054. It will be emptied at 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. every day and date-stamped accordingly.

No tutorials are scheduled the first week of classes.

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