University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
SOC 1200 A02, 6 Credit Hours

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CLASS TIME: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30 - 11:20 AM

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Albas, Daniel C. & Cheryl M. Albas

Murray, Jane Lothian, Rick Linden, and Diana Kendall

COURSE OBJECTIVE
The objective of this course is to introduce students to the major concepts, theoretical frameworks, and methodological strategies of the discipline and to apply them to everyday life.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Students are required to complete 4 term tests as well as a written assignment. The term tests will be based on readings and lectures and will involve multiple choice items. The assignment will involve the integration of basic concepts with everyday life experiences.

TEST I  
November 4, 2011  
25%

TEST II  
January 20, 2012  
25%

TEST III  
March 7, 2012  
15%

TEST IV  
April 2, 2012  
15%

ASSIGNMENT  
Due March 16, 2012 in class  
(NO Exceptions)  
20%

Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline: March 16, 2012
Student Responsibility and Academic Integrity

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting in large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption may result in debarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

NOTE:
- You must notify me before the test if you must be absent.
- Please provide a note from a medical professional or counseling professional to confirm that you were unable to write a test at a particular time.
- Make-up tests must be completed within one week of the original date. Responsibility for initiating a make-up test lies with the student. Make-up tests will be scheduled at one time only, to be determined by the teaching assistant.
- Failure to complete any test or the class assignment will result in a mark of zero for that test or assignment.
- Students are not permitted to re-schedule tests regardless of scheduling “overload” with examinations or assignments in other courses.
- Any student who submits an assignment should that the professor suspects is plagiarized must submit to an oral exam based on the material in the assignment. Should the professor find that the paper is plagiarized as a result of this examination, the student will face immediate disciplinary action (please see Academic Integrity).

Cheating is a serious offense with grave consequences. Students should acquaint themselves with the University’s policy on ‘Personation at Examinations’ (Section 5.2.9) and ‘Plagiarism and Cheating’ (Section 8.1) found online under UManitoba Catalog 2011-2012>General Academic Regulations>Section 8. Academic Integrity.

The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

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Senate Policy #1307 requires a “post-examination review of final grades in multi-sectioned courses that will ensure an equitable correspondence between grades and level of performance in all sections.” Accordingly, the final grade distribution in this course may be raised or lowered to achieve such equity and, therefore, your final grade may be changed.
COURSE OUTLINE

I. The Experience of Society

A. The Attitude of Everyday Life
   1. Personal perspective
   2. Routinization
   3. Typification

B. Context
   1. Micro: Face-to-face
   2. Macro: Institutional

READINGS:

* Murray, Linden, Kendall *

   Chapter 1  Ths Sociological Perspective
   Chapter 20  Collective Behavior, Social Movements, and Social Change
   Chapter 5  Society, Social Structure, and Interaction

* Albas & Albas *

   Preface  Chapter 1 Introduction

II. Nature of the Social World and the Emergence of Sociology

A. The Social World
   1. Invisible
   2. Subject to considerable interpretation

B. Sociology: A New Study
   1. Why did it emerge?
   2. Our routine experience: A taken for granted world
   3. Shoring up the structure: The function of legitimation

C. A Scientific Attitude
   1. General perspective
   2. Pasture of doubt
   3. Typifications

D. Methods and Theories
   1. Society as a subjective and objective reality
   2. Social facts
   3. The Ideal Design
   4. Construction of inductive and deductive theories
   5. Theory and the empirical world: Durkheim's Suicide
E. Major Conceptual Orientations
   1. Structural functionalism
   2. Conflict
   3. Symbolic interactionism

READINGS:
   Murray, Linden, Kendall
   Chapter 2 Sociological Research

   Albas & Albas
   Chapter 2 Making Sociological Sense of the Exam
   Appendix

III. Culture and Society
   A. What is Culture?
   B. Elements of Culture
   C. Cultural Variability
   D. Integration of Cultures
   E. Culture and Social Change

READINGS:
   Murray, Linden, Kendall
   Chapter 3 Culture
   Chapter 10 Ethnic Relations and Race
   Chapter 11 Sex and Gender
   Chapter 17 Religion

IV. Socialization: Becoming a Member of Society
   A. Biological Foundations: From Biogenic to Sociogenic
   B. Symbolic Interactional Theory; C.H. Cooley and G.H. Mead
      1. The nature of society
      2. Emergence of the self
      3. The self: Unique and conforming
   C. Mechanisms for the Protection of Self
   D. Secondary Socialization and Resocialization
READINGS:

*Murray, Linden, Kendall*

- Chapter 4 Socialization
- Chapter 6 Groups and Organizations pp. 136-150

V. **Roles, Positions, and Selves**

A. Roles and Positions

B. Role Sets and Status Sets

C. The Presentation of Self

D. Social Organizational Determinants of Behaviour

READINGS:

*Murray, Linden, Kendall*

Chapter 12 Aging

*Albas & Albas*

- Chapter 3 Uncertainty, Stress & Coping Mechanisms
- Chapter 4 Phase I: Early Pre-Exam
- Chapter 5 Phase I: Early Pre-Exam (continued)
- Chapter 6 Phase I: Early Pre-Exam (continued)
- Chapter 7 Phase II: Immediate Pre-Exam
- Chapter 8 Phase III: The Exam Act Proper
- Chapter 9 Phase IV: The Post Exam

VI. **Institutions**

A. Definition

B. Basic Characteristics

VII. **Families**

A. Types

B. Functions

C. Changes

D. Problems
VIII. The Community

A. The Origin of Cities
B. Urbanization
C. Urbanism
D. A look at the Hutterites

IX. The Demographic Equation

A. Population Growth
B. Fertility
C. Mortality
D. Migration
E. Consequences of Fertility, Mortality, and Migration
F. What the Future Holds

X. Stratification

A. Social Differentiation
B. Criteria for Ranking
C. The Origins and Consequences of Social Stratification: Marx, Functionalism, Weber
D. Stratification in a Classless Society

E. Status Ascription and Achievement

F. Socio-economic Status and Ethnic Origin in Canada

G. Socio-economic Status and Life Chances

H. Social Mobility

READINGS:

Murray, Linken, Kendall
Chapter 8 Social Class and Stratification in Canada
Chapter 9 Global Stratification
Chapter 18 Health, Health Care and Disability

XI. Education

A. Manifest and Latent Functions

B. Socio-economic Background, Ability, and the Allocation of Students

READINGS:

Murray, Linden, Kendall
Chapter 16 Education

Albas & Albas
Chapter 10 Conclusions and Implications

XII. Bureaucracy and The World of Work

A. Characteristics of a Bureaucracy

B. Weber and Bureaucracy
   1. Traditional authority
   2. Charismatic authority
   3. Legal-rational authority

C. Bureaucracy in Everyday Life
XIII. **The Study of Power**

A. Weber's Analysis
   1. Power
   2. Authority
   3. Legitimacy

XIV. **Deviance and Social Control**

A. Conceptualization of Deviance

B. Theories of Deviance
   1. Biological
   2. Structural
   3. Interactional

**READINGS:**
*Murray, Linden, Kendall*

- Chapter 13 The Economy and Work
- Chapter 6 Groups and Organizations pp.150-165

- Chapter 14 Power, Politics, and Government

- Chapter 7 Crime and Deviance