

# Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

**Course Title:** Introduction to Sociology

**Course Number and Section**

SOCIOLOGY      1020 - 550

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**Course Description:**

The discipline of sociology investigates the relationship between societal structures and human agency. This full-credit course is designed to present an overview of various sociological perspectives with a goal of understanding the dynamics of the interaction(s) between structural forces and the individuals / groups that comprise society, within the general context of North America and more specifically – Canada. You will be exposed to a variety of standpoints with the expectation that this knowledge can (and will) be utilized in an ongoing effort to develop your ‘sociological imagination’.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- . Identify the major sociological perspectives and describe how they are used to analyze human behaviour and events
- . Recognize the relationships between social structure, social stratification, and the consequences of social status
- . Describe how inequality and other social factors contribute to social change
- . Identify course concepts in non-textbook material (i.e., films, documentaries, current events, newspaper articles etc.)
- . Differentiate between an opinion and an argument and construct compelling arguments utilizing a sociological lens and your sociological imagination

**Textbooks and Course Materials:**

Sociology: Compass for a New Social World, 7e (MINDTAP 12 MTHS instant access)

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Fall Midterm	11/07/2023	25%
Winter Midterm	01/30/2024	30%
Final	April exam period 2024	35%

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Due Date mm/dd/yy</b>	<b>Weight - %</b>
Chapter Quizzes (13) OR Writing Assignment	throughout school year / paper due Feb. 16th, 2024	10%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.