

**Course Name:** SOC100 Foundations of Sociology I  
**Credit Value:** 4  
**Prerequisite Course:** None

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### Course Description

Students will become acquainted with the subject matter and approaches in sociology. The topics covered include the family, culture, socialization, deviance and social control, and social structure.

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### Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will have reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. **Discuss the subject matter and approaches used in sociology.**
    - 1.1 Define sociology.
    - 1.2 Discuss the origins of sociology and examine the role of several early thinkers.
    - 1.3 Distinguish between macrosociology and microsociology.
    - 1.4 Explain and apply the sociological imagination.
    - 1.5 Define, distinguish between and apply the various sociological perspectives.
    - 1.6 Describe the scientific method and its use in sociological research.
    - 1.7 Discuss various research methods used by sociologists and describe when each is used.
    - 1.8 Define the following research concepts: hypothesis, independent and dependent variables, validity, reliability, representation, correlation and causation.
    - 1.9 Describe ethical guidelines that sociologists must follow when conducting research.
  2. **Discuss Canadian culture and analyze how it affects Canadian identity.**
    - 2.1 Define culture.
    - 2.2 Examine the major components of culture: symbols, values, norms and language.
  - 2.3 Understand the difference between the following:
    - a. Ideal and real culture.
    - b. Material and non-material culture.
  - 2.3 Review the defining features of Canadian culture and values.
  - 2.4 Define culture shock, cultural relativism, and ethnocentrism and cultural lag.
  - 2.5 Compare and contrast subcultures and countercultures.
  - 2.6 Describe how innovation, discovery and diffusion inspire cultural change.
  - 2.6 Review and critique sociological theories and their application to culture.
3. **State and discuss several of the more widely held views on the process of becoming a member of society.**
    - 3.1 Explain the term socialization.
    - 3.2 Distinguish among primary and secondary socialization and define the terms anticipatory socialization and resocialization.
    - 3.3 Analyze the nature versus nurture controversy.
    - 3.4 Analyze theories related to the socialization process.
    - 3.5 Discuss how our understanding of gender differences is a product of the socialization process.
    - 3.6 Summarize the importance of a number of agents of socialization for example family, school, peers, mass media.
  4. **Examine the basic elements of social structure and its importance in contemporary society.**
    - 4.1 Distinguish between ascribed and achieved status.
    - 4.2 Describe how our interactions are affected by our social roles.
    - 4.3 Identify different types of groups and analyze how these differences affect our social interactions.
    - 4.4 Analyze the characteristics of formal organizations such as bureaucracies.

**5. Evaluate the role of deviance in Canadian society.**

- 5.1 Define deviance.
- 5.2 Understand the relationship between social control and deviance.
- 5.3 Define and apply the major theoretical approaches to deviance.
- 5.4 Explain the differences between crimes, norm violations, and social diversions.
- 5.5 Analyze individuals and group participation in deviant activities.
- 5.6 Define and contrast the various types of crime.
- 5.7 Evaluate crime and crime trends in Canada.

**6. Understand and evaluate family patterns and the effects of family life on our development.**

- 6.1 Define the concept of family.
- 6.2 Distinguish between the various perspectives on the family.
- 6.3 Analyze various mating and marriage patterns.
- 6.4 Explain parent/child relationships.
- 6.5 Analyze trends in Canadian family life.
- 6.6 Evaluate the problems of the modern family in Canada.

**Evaluation Strategy**

**Grading System**

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A+ Honours	90-100%										
A+	85-89%	B+	75-79%	C+	65-69%	D+	55-59%	R	Repeat	U	Unsatisfactory
A	80-84%	B	70-74%	C	60-64%	D	50-54%	S	Successful	I	Incomplete

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