

DEPARTMENT Humanities and Social Sciences

COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2024

SO1010(A3): Canadian Society – 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS:	By e-mail appointment		
CLASS TIMES:	Mon & Wed: 10:00 – 11:20		

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: A study of development and structure of Canadian society, including such topics as French-English relations, multiculturalism, regionalism, nationalism, native rights and social inequality and conflict.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: Complete 1 of the following

Completed the following:

SO1000 - Introductory Sociology (3)

Equivalent course

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Canadian Society SO1010(A3) - Steckley, John. *Elements of Sociology*. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2020. Hard Cover.

DELIVERY MODE(S): On-Campus

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will be able to navigate the complex Federal government immigration application process and to identify the steps to Canadian citizenship and score well on Canada's citizenship exam. Students will also be able to identify all Parts (7) and Sections (60) of the Canadian Constitution (Constitution Act, 1982), as well as basic constitutional processes (e.g., amendments). Students will be able to understand the background to Indigenous rights, multiculturalism, religions in Canada, regionalism, and nationalism and the debates surrounding the policies and ideologies.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca>.

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

Assessment	Total Point	Weight
Reflection papers (*4; 10 pts each)	40 pts	40%
Midterm	25 pts	25%
Final Exam	35 pts	35%
Total	100 pts	100%

Reflection Papers

At the end of each unit, students will complete 4 individual reflections based on the content for each unit (2-4 pages, double-spaced). The Reflection Paper will also include insights from documentaries screened in each unit. Each application assigned will be graded based on the quality of application of content, demonstration of understanding, and ability to critically engage with the content discussed in the unit. No citations or outside sources are necessary for these reflections. More specific instructions for these reflections will be given in class on the date on which they are assigned. Students have 2 weeks to finish the reflections, which are to be submitted on myClass before the start of class (see below for schedule of these times). Students must complete all 4 reflections for complete marks.

Midterm and Final Exam

The Midterm will consist of multiple-choice questions and short essay questions with choice. The Final Exam will consist of short essay questions only. There will be a brief review in class before the midterm and final exam respectively. These will test your knowledge and application of concepts, theories, and perspectives on the course material (textbook chapters, classroom lectures, discussions, and video clips). The final exam is NOT cumulative.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Grading Chart

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Unit and Date	Class Date	Topic	Readings	Assignments
Week 1	Jan 8, 10	<i>Social Inequality</i> Ideology, Stratification, Class, Poverty and Excess	Chapter 7	
Week 2	Jan 15, 17	<i>Social Inequality</i> Applying the Gender Lens to Life, Race and Gender	Chapter 9	Reflection Paper 1 Due
Week 3	Jan 22, 24	<i>Multiculturalism</i> Ethnocentrism, Cultural	Chapter 3 https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/200920E	

		Relativism, Sociolinguistics, Norms, Values, Cultural Symbols,		
Week 4	Jan 29, 31	<i>Multiculturalism</i> Race and Ethnicity, The Racialization of Visible Minorities in Canada, Immigration	Chapter 8 And Chapter 11	Reflection Paper 2 Due
Week 5	Feb 5, 7	<i>Indigenous Rights</i>	Ending Denial (Notes on MyClass)	
Week 6	Feb 12	<i>Indigenous Rights</i>	Unequal Relations (Notes on MyClass)	
Week 6	Feb 14	Midterm		
Week 7	Feb 19 - 23	Reading Week		
Week 8	Feb 26, 28	<i>French-English Relations</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	
Week 9	Mar 4, 6	<i>French-English Relations</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	Reflection Paper 3 Due
Week 10	Mar 11, 13	<i>Regionalism in Canada</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	
Week 11	Mar 18, 20	<i>Regionalism in Canada</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	

Week 12	Mar 25, 27	<i>Nationalism</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	
Week 13	April 1, 3	<i>Religions in Canada</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	
Week 14	April 8, 10	<i>Religions in Canada</i>	Readings and Notes posted on MyClass	Reflection Paper 4 Due
Week 15	April 15	Review Lecture		

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan 8 – Classes Start

Jan 17 – Last Day to Add/Drop classes.

Feb 19 – Family Day

Feb 20 - 23 – Reading Week, No classes.

March 29 – Good Friday

Apr 1 – last Day to Withdraw

Apr 15 – Last day of classes

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Ultimately, you are responsible for your learning and performance in this course.

Your grades are posted to myClass, so please be sure you are tracking them there. If you believe there is an error, please let your instructor know.

Submission & Late Policies:

- Equally important to learn and apply professional communication skills, such as writing proper e-mail messages, it is very important to learn to meet deadlines. Complete your assignments on time!
- Late assignments received will be deducted 5% for every late day (including weekends!).
- Incomplete assignments will receive a grade of 0 unless you have a valid reason supported with appropriate documentation (i.e., a medical note from an M.D.) and you discuss it with me well in advance of any due date.
- Note: extensions will be given only when students notify the instructor prior to the deadline and present valid evidence excusing lateness.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.