

# SOCI 100A

## Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Social Life<sup>1</sup>

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**Course Description:** Sociology 100A will provide students with an introduction to the discipline of sociology and a consideration of why this discipline matters, especially in our contemporary context. In this course, we will explore the fundamental sociological theories, research methods, culture, socialization, and social interactions. The course will challenge you to look beyond the norms within your social world to better understand the social forces which shape our reality.

**Course Format:** Each week, we will meet twice (Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:20pm), online for lectures where I will review sociological theories, concepts, and methods. These lectures and corresponding materials will be recorded and posted online shortly after. Some weeks you will also meet for one, 50-minute tutorial session with a Teaching Assistant where you will discuss the content with your classmates in more depth and prepare for midterms. All exams will be conducted, submitted, and assessed electronically.

**Topics will include:** Socialization, social theories, research methods, culture, media, and globalization.

**Pre/co-requisites:** Students can choose to take either Sociology 100A or Sociology 100B first.

### **Required Materials:**

Ravelli, Bruce., Webber, Michelle. (2021). *Exploring Sociology: A Canadian Perspective* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition). Toronto: Pearson Education Canada.

The course uses an electronic version of the text, which includes both SOCI 100A and 100B.

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<sup>1</sup> This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.