

## **SOC 171AA: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

### FIRST COURSE HAND OUT

#### Overview

This is a survey course designed to introduce students to the discipline of sociology. It will provide an introduction to three basic perspectives (structural functionalism, critical and symbolic interactionism). These will be explored through canonical theories and multiple methodological paradigms, as well as a variety of sub-fields in the discipline of sociology. At the end of the course, students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to think in a sociological manner. Students will also be expected to be apply the concepts you have learnt in class in a critical manner.

The following topics will be covered: sociological imagination, sociological theories, culture, social interaction, crime and deviance, social stratification, media sociology, economic sociology

#### Evaluation

The evaluation scheme will be as indicated below. The percentages shown denote the contribution of that activity towards the final grade.

- Participation: Participation will be measured through weekly reflection questions submitted on Mookit. Contributes to 10% of your grade.
- Attendance: Measured through attendance in weekly discussion meetings. You have the option of joining either via zoom online or phone. Contributes to 10% of your grade.
- Quizzes: 2 quizzes will be conducted through the semester – one in each half. Collectively, these quizzes will contribute to 20% of your grade.
- Mid-term exam: Contributes to 30% of your grade.
- Final Exam: Contributes to 30% of your grade.

The course follows Continuous Cumulative Evaluation: students are going to be assessed on their understanding of concepts on a regular basis. At the very minimum, this means that students will need to study for this course on a regular basis to pass the course. All assignments and other submissions have strict deadlines.