

COURSE OUTLINE			
<b>TERM: Fall, 2018</b>		<b>COURSE NO: SOC 201</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>		<b>COURSE TITLE: Social Problems in BC</b>	
<b>OFFICE:</b>	<b>LOCAL:</b>	<b>SECTION NO(S):</b>	<b>CREDITS: 3</b>
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### **COURSE FORMAT**

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

### **COURSE PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES**

None

### **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION**

British Columbians face a housing crisis, an epidemic of drug and alcohol addiction, and increasing university tuition. Some low-income people find a means of survival in the sex trade, while Indigenous British Columbians face disproportionate levels of poverty and discrimination. Extreme wealth and poverty sit side-by-side. Despite a reputation as a "green" city, Vancouver is home to many environmentally destructive industries. This course will make sense of the sociological causes of these problems.

### **COURSE NOTE**

SOC 201 is an approved Self & Society course for Cap Core requirements.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES**

Robertson, Leslie and Dara Culhane (eds). 2005. *In Plain Sight: Reflections on Life in Downtown Eastside Vancouver*. Vancouver: Talonbooks.

Mate, Gabor. 2009. *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts*. Toronto: Vintage Canada.

Various articles and book chapters available from the SOC 201 Moodle site. (See below for more information).

### **COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:**

- Differentiate between theories of historical sociology, political economy, and citizenship.

- Describe the role of natural resource development in shaping British Columbia's social structure and the potential for environmental sustainability.
- Identify how immigration policies, the labour market, and gender roles have shaped racial/ethnic inequality in British Columbia.
- Explain how colonialism continues to affect Indigenous peoples in British Columbia today and evaluate possible solutions for addressing the resulting social problems.
- Summarize the social and historical phenomena that have shaped the distinct conditions of Vancouver's Downtown East Side.

**Students who complete this Self & Society course will be able to do the following:**

- Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies.
- Apply concepts of sustainable development to address sustainability challenges in a global context.
- Analyze the impact of colonialism and racism on Indigenous peoples.
- Generate strategies for reconciling Indigenous and Canadian relations.

**COURSE CONTENT**

Week	Topic	Readings
1	Introduction: What is BC Society?	Hiller, "The Issue of Regionalism"; Resnick, "A Distinct Region"
2	Resources 1: BC as Staples Economy	McGillivray, "Resource Management..."
3	Resources 2: Forests and Fossil Fuels	Marchak, "A Global Context"; Parfitt, "Getting More..."; Lee, "LNG and Employment"
4	Indigenous BC 1: Overview <b>WRITING ASSIGNMENTS</b>	Muckle, "First Nations of BC"; Fiske, "Carrier Women..."
5	Indigenous BC 2: The Political Economy of Treaties	Carroll et al., "Wealth of Nations"
6	<b>MIDTERM</b> Immigrant BC 1: History	Roy, "Making a White Man's Country"; Dua, "Hindu Woman's Question"
7	Immigrant BC 2: Today	BC Stats – factsheets
8	Wealth and Poverty in BC 1	Lee, "New Perspectives"
9	Wealth and Poverty in BC 2: Welfare	Klein and Pulkingham, "Living on Welfare"; Green, "Minimum Wage"
10	Downtown East Side 1 Video: <i>Fix: the story of an addicted city</i>	<i>In Plain Sight</i> , pp. 1-100
11	Downtown East Side 2 <b>RESEARCH PAPER DUE</b>	<i>In Plain Sight</i> , pp. 101-170
12	Downtown East Side 3	<i>Hungry Ghosts</i> part 1
13	Downtown East Side 4	<i>Hungry Ghosts</i> part 2
14/15	Final Exam Period	

**EVALUATION PROFILE**

Writing Assignments:	15%
Research Paper:	30%
Midterm Exam:	25%
Final Exam:	30%
Total	100%

**GRADING PROFILE**

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

**Incomplete Grades**

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

**Late Assignments**

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand.

**Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.**

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed labs or other activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

**English Usage**

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

**Electronic Devices**

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only.

**On-line Communication**

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or Moodle; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

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## UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS

### Tools for Success

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <http://www.capilanou.ca/services/>

**Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)**

### Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

### Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy S2017-05 for more information: <http://www.capilanou.ca/about/governance/policies/Policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

**Academic dishonesty** is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

**Cheating:** Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

**Fraud:** Creation or use of falsified documents.

**Misuse or misrepresentation of sources:** Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

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**Plagiarism:** Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

**Self-Plagiarism:** Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

**Prohibited Conduct:** The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

### **Sexual Violence and Misconduct**

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including [B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy](#) and [B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure](#).

**Emergencies:** Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.