SOCI 103
Canadian Society

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Course Description:
The origins, development, and structure of Canadian society analyzed through a sociological lens. Examines topics such as: Canadian nationality/multiculturalism; social stratification; class; gender; colonialism and racism, Canadian political economy and Canada in a globalized world.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
Students will learn about Canadian society in the context of settler colonialism as the constitutive basis for its origins and political, economic and cultural development; a central objective for the course will be that students learn about the concrete, material social relations that underlie the relationship between the settler society and the indigenous peoples experiencing colonization. Students will be able to make theoretical connections between this fundamental theme and other topics in the course, such as: socio-economic inequality and the Vertical Mosaic; the political economy of Canadian development; gender inequity; Quebec as a distinct society; multiculturalism; racism; and, Canada in a globalized world.

Course Format: The course will be offered mainly via an asynchronous teaching-learning format, meaning that course materials, including readings, lecture videos and other multi-media resources, will be posted on the UVic online platform, and students can access them on their own time throughout each week. The course will offer two synchronous open office hours/week via the UVic Zoom platform, where students can drop in and ask questions about the course topics and receive additional guidance regarding course assignments (these will be non-private sessions and will be recorded for other students to watch later). There will be opportunities for private Zoom meetings to be arranged separately with individual students.

Course Assignments: There will be two course assignments: 1) A take home exam worth 50%; 2) A final paper worth 50%

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
N/A

Topics May Include:
Settler Colonialism
John Porter’s Vertical Mosaic
Class and Political Economy in Canada
Gender inequity in Canadian society
Quebec as a distinct society
Multiculturalism

1 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.
Racism in Canada
Canada in a globalized world

**Required Resources May Include:**

Resources are posted on Uvic online platform