SOCI 215
Class and Social Inequality

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Course Description:
This course examines the shifting patterns, determinants, and consequences of social inequality, with an emphasis on class, gender, race/ethnicity, and domination/resistance. Particular attention will be paid to the persistence of certain systems of inequality, including colonialism and imperialism, as well as to the emerging inequalities associated with climate change. We will explore the many dimensions of social disadvantage and injustice that exist, focusing predominantly on Canada, but also touching on contemporary global issues.

Topics May Include:
1. Overview of Systems of Domination
2. Class, Income, Wealth, and Poverty
3. Social Class and Post-Secondary Education
4. Corporate Power in Canada
5. Home and Homelessness
6. Ethnicity, Language, Ancestry: Race, Racism and Racialization
7. Inequality and Environmental Justice
8. Climate Change, Inequality and Migration
9. First Nations, Inuit, Metis Communities: Colonizing and Decolonizing Contexts
10. Immigration, Xenophobia and Border Imperialism
11. Terrorism Narratives and Public Policy
12. Age and Social Inequality
13. Disability Politics and Theory
14. Reproducing Gender Inequality
15. Sexual Orientation and Social Inequality

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
• There are no course prerequisites for SOCI 215.
• SOCI 215 is recommended prior to taking SOCI 315, SOCI 331, and SOCI 436.

Required Resources May Include: