

**Carleton University  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

**SOCI 2170A  
Fall 2022  
Foundations in Social Justice**

**Course Description**

This one-semester course will introduce students to theories and practices of social justice. It uses an interdisciplinary lens to interrogate the ways in which Canada is a society where some live better, have access to more resources, and are better protected from violence than others. This course is divided into three parts. The first part focuses on understanding injustice in Canada. A one-semester course cannot possibly cover all forms of injustice in Canada. As a result, and because Canada is a settler colonial society, we will specifically examine historical and contemporary forms of state-sanctioned violence against Indigenous Peoples. During the second part of the course, we will reflexively examine how we feel about what we have learned and explore the role that feelings and emotions play in justice processes. The final part of the course will explore different practices of social justice. The purpose of this part of the course is to provide students with tools that can be used to support their engagement in social justice activism.

This course is designed to be as experiential as possible. Methods of instruction include interactive lecturing, class discussion, student presentations, and guest speakers. Assignments and in-class activities will be used to help you strengthen your research, writing, and oral communication skills. Your grade in the course will be based on several different types of evaluation: attendance and participation (20%), social justice event (20%), an essay proposal (10%) and annotated bibliography (10%), an essay (25%), and a presentation and presentation reflection (15%).