

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**COURSE NUMBER/SECTION: SOCI 2810-C
ACADEMIC YEAR/TERM: Fall, 2022
COURSE TITLE: Selected Topics in Sociology: Sociology of Third Places**

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Course Schedule: Wednesdays 11:30-2:30

Method of Delivery: lectures, group discussions, field trips

Course Description:

This course is framed around the sociological concept of “third places,” those sites that are neither work nor home. Third places are largely public sites of leisure that nourish and inspire sociability. Topics in this course will include: parks and playgrounds, libraries, nightlife, foodscapes, consumer spaces, religious spaces, hotels and tourist spaces. This course will be co-taught by an urban sociologist (Davidson) and an architecture and urban planning scholar-activist (Gelbard), in-person, and from Carleton’s downtown Dominion-Chalmers location. From this starting point, this course will have a strong focus on the third places of Ottawa, and will be taught through ongoing experiential learning opportunities. We will go on multiple walking tours in Ottawa, have site-based lectures, and visits to Ottawa “third places”. Assignments will include a research-based assignment and scavenger hunts to be presented via CUPortfolio submissions.

Prerequisites: [SOCI 1001](#) and [SOCI 1002](#), or [SOCI 1003](#) [1.0], or [ANTH 1001](#), or [ANTH 1002](#).

Reading (s)/Textbook (s):

Readings posted on Ares

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:

Scavenger hunts: 4 scavenger hunts X10%= 40 %
Reading annotations and class discussion= 10%
Research proposal= 5%
Research assignment= 20%
Midterm test= 10%
Final take-home exam= 15%