

SOCI 2170A: Foundations in Social Justice

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will study the topic of social justice from a sociological and intersectional perspective. These perspectives will help us understand two things. First, we will learn that social injustice is not inevitable or natural, but actively and continuously produced by institutions, culture, and interactions. Second, we will explore several systems of inequality (including those based on class, colonization, race, nationality, sex/gender, sexuality, age, ability, immigration status, and religion) to learn how various forms of injustice are interconnected. Further, we will use our sociological knowledge to create an engaging piece of public scholarship on an issue or experience that affects you at Carleton.

This class is part of the Social Justice Stream in the Sociology program – four courses that build your capacities to make a difference in the world. Combining hands-on, deep work with rigorous analysis and understanding, the social justice stream offers the best of sociology! The classes are SOCI 2170 (Foundations in Social Justice), SOCI 3170 (Social Justice in Action), SOCI 3430 (Studies in Collective Action and Social Movements) and SOCI 4170 (Community-Engaged Sociology).

EVALUATION

Weekly Responses and Class Participation: 25%

Social Justice Public Scholarship Piece: 75%

Topic Proposal: 5%

Intersectional Reflection: 20%

Annotated Sources: 10%

The Piece: 25%

Presentation of the Piece: 15%

TEXT

All readings are accessible online through the Carleton library.