



**The University of Western Ontario
SOCIOLOGY 9331B
Deaths, Fertility, Migration:
Demographic Analysis of Social Change
Winter 2023
Mondays 1:30-4:30, in SSC 5230**

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Course Description

Each of us is a member of a population, but few of us think systematically about the population to which we belong. Yet, the population's characteristics and the demographic processes that generate them are inextricably linked to effectively all critical social issues we face, from rising costs of health care and pensions, immigration policies, to environmental issues and the climate crisis. Understanding how populations interact with sociopolitical issues will help you understand root causes of many societal issues and the public discourse around them.

The main goal of the course is to understand how demographers approach population change – how we think about, and analyze, population growth, mortality, fertility, marriage, migration, environmental issues, and other key demographic topics. The course will thus provide you with foundations in demographic thinking and analysis of social change, as well as key theories and some techniques used in formal and applied demography. We will also learn about basic demographic methods and how they generate findings about the topics above, as well as many others such as education, disability, and other important social issues.

You do not need to be a 'quant' or 'stats' person to succeed in this class. Only basic math and stats skills are necessary to succeed – and I am confident you can add, subtract, divide, multiply, and have some sense of exponential functions. Overall, all you need is to be willing to engage simple formulas, study tables and figures, produce some yourself, and generally navigate quantitative environment. For the 9331 version: You should also have basic statistics knowledge at the level of SOC 9001. If you did not take 9001, please talk to me during the first two weeks of the class.

Learning outcomes

- Explain how population change and social changes are related
- Identify fertility, mortality, and migration as the three key demographic processes and understand their implications for societal sociopolitical structures
- Understand population change and age structure and their implications for key social issues
- Manipulate and interpret select basic demographic measures, such as the life table
- Appreciate the interrelationships between the population and the environment
- Interpret global, national, and local issues within their demographic context.

Course Material(s)

TBD. Possibly Trovato, Frank. 2015. Canada's Population in a Global Context: An Introduction to Social Demography. 2nd Edition. Oxford University Press Canada.

This textbook provides foundational (basic) material on most key topics we will cover. If you have had a demography or population studies class before, you may find the material somewhat redundant but still a useful review. If you have not had a demography or population studies class before, the book lays out the material in a straightforward way aimed at the novice demographer. I also really like that the textbook examines the Canadian context because most of our other readings do not.

I don't care whether you purchase or rent the text, whether you use a print or e-book, or whether you share to cut on the costs – just make sure to be able to access the material when you need it how you need it.

In addition, each week will include a set of required and optional readings, mostly journal articles and book chapters. I will post all materials on OWL either as pdfs or will include links to the articles.

Additional resources

<http://papp.iussp.org/> for methods

(1) Palmore, J. A., & Gardner, R. W. (1994). Measuring mortality, fertility, and natural increase: A self-teaching guide to elementary measures. Honolulu: East-West Center, 169 p. This is a basic textbook covering most topics from the first half of the term. Ideal for students without a strong math background and more succinct than the PAPP sessions. A pdf of this book is available from <http://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/>

(2) Rowland, Donald T. (2003). Demographic methods and concepts. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 546 p. Another non-technical introduction to demography, including a discussion of migration measurement.

Evaluation Breakdown

Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	15%
Participation	10%
Regular written check-ins	10%
Mini-assignment	15%
Research poster project	25%
Population and environment class	10%

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON EVALUATION FORTHCOMING.

Grade guidelines. Graduate course mean grade is to be in the range of 83-87% and the number of A+s is not to exceed other grade categories.

Course Schedule and Readings. Subject to change.

CLASS 1 January 9. INTRODUCTION

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapter 1

Dowd, Jennifer Beam, Liliana Andriano, David M. Brazel, Valentina Rotondi, Per Block, Xuejie Ding, Yan Liu, and Melinda C. Mills. 2020. "Demographic science aids in understanding the spread and fatality rates of COVID-19." *PNAS* 117(18):9696-98.

Nepomuceno, Marília R., Enrique Acosta, Diego Alburez-Gutierrez, José Manuel Aburto, Alain Gagnon, and Cássio M. Turra. 2020. "Besides population age structure, health and other demographic factors can contribute to understanding the COVID-19 burden." *PNAS* 117(25):13881-83.

Vogel, Gretchen. 2011. "Regional Snapshots: Population." *Science* 333:555-57.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Xie, Yu. 2000. "Demography: Past, Present, and Future." *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 95(450):670-73.

Swanson, David A. 2015. "Applied Demography." Pp. 839-44 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences (Second Edition)*, edited by James D. Wright. Oxford: Elsevier.

Verdery, Ashton M., Emily Smith-Greenaway, Rachel Margolis, and Jonathan Daw. 2020. "Tracking the reach of COVID-19 kin loss with a bereavement multiplier applied to the United States." *PNAS* 117(30):17695-701.

Rau, Roland, Christina Bohk-Ewald, Magdalena M. Muszyńska, and James W. Vaupel. 2018. "The Lexis Diagram." Pp. 5-10 in *Visualizing Mortality Dynamics in the Lexis Diagram*: Springer.

Ryder, Norman B. 1965. "The Cohort as a Concept in the Study of Social Change." *American Sociological Review* 30(6):843-61.

CLASS 2 January 16. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND WORLD POPULATION

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapters 2 and 3

Lam, David. 2011. "How the World Survived the Population Bomb: Lessons From 50 Years of Extraordinary Demographic History." *Demography* 48(4):1231-62.

Kirk, Dudley. 1996. "Demographic Transition Theory." *Population Studies* 50(3):361-87.

Coale, Ansley J. 1974. "The History of the Human Population." *Scientific American* 231(3):40-51.

REQUIRED BUT JUST SKIM TO GET THE SENSE OF THE MAIN POINTS / PERSPECTIVE

Badger, Emily. 2018 "Extra Doorbells, Satellite Dishes: How Cities Search for People the Census Might Miss." in *The New York Times*. New York.

OPTIONAL READINGS

- Malthus, Thomas. 1798. "Chapter 1 and 2." in *An Essay on the Principle of Population*. London: J Johnson.
- Ehrlich, Paul R. 1968. "Chapter 1: The Problem." in *The Population Bomb*. New York NY: Sierra Club.
- Notestein, Frank W. 1945. "Population: The Long View." Pp. 36-57 in *Food for the World*, edited by Theodore W. Schultz. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
- Lee, Ronald. 2003. "The Demographic Transition: Three Centuries of Fundamental Change." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 17(4):167-90.
- Caldwell, John C. 2004. "Demographic Theory: A Long View." *Population and Development Review* 30(2):297-316.

CLASS 3 January 23. BASICS OF POPULATION STRUCTURE

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapter 4

- Coale, Ansley J. 2012. "How a Population Ages or Grows Younger." Pp. 98-103 in *Population and Society Essential Readings*, F. Trovato (Ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Graff, Maura, and Jason Bremner. 2014. "A Practical Guide to Population and Development." Washington DC: Population Reference Bureau.

REQUIRED BUT JUST SKIM TO GET THE SENSE OF THE MAIN POINTS / PERSPECTIVE

- Cohen, Philip. 2021. "Generation labels mean nothing. It's time to retire them." in *The Washington Post*. Washington DC. Pdf on OWL, or access online at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/07/07/generation-labels-mean-nothing-retire-them/>
- Williams, Ollie. 2022. "How the age of Northwest Territories residents is changing." Yellowknife, NT: Cabin Radio. Access online at <https://cabinradio.ca/83149/news/how-the-age-of-northwest-territories-residents-is-changing/>

OPTIONAL READINGS

- Hvistendahl, Mara. 2011. "Young and restless can be a volatile mix." *Science* 333:552-54.
- Ritchie, Hannah, and Max Roser. 2019a. "Age Structure." Our World in Data. Access at <https://ourworldindata.org/age-structure>
- Ritchie, Hannah, and Max Roser. 2019a. "Gender Ratio." Our World in Data. Access at <https://ourworldindata.org/gender-ratio>
- Fry, Richard. 2020. "Millennials overtake Baby Boomers as America's largest generation." Pew Research Center.

CLASS 4 January 30. FERTILITY – KEY CONCEPTS

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapter 6 (Fertility Transitions 214-238 only skim)

Mason, Karen. 1997. "Explaining Fertility Transitions." *Demography* 34(4):443-454.

Bielski, Zosia. 2021. "Baby bust: How the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns reshaped family planning." Pp. A10 in *Globe & Mail*. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-baby-bust-how-the-covid-19-pandemic-reshaped-family-planning/>

SKIM. Note the 7 proximate determinants & types of societies by reproductive behaviour

Bongaarts, John, and Robert E. Potter. 1983. *Fertility, Biology, and Behavior: An Analysis of the Proximate Determinants*: Academic press.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Bongaarts, John. 2015. "Modeling the fertility impact of the proximate determinants: Time for a tune-up." *Demographic Research* 33:535-60.

CLASS 5 February 6.

EXAM 1. WORK ON MINI-ASSIGNMENT.

CLASS 6 February 13. FERTILITY – SELECT TOPICS

CORE READINGS

Morgan, S. Philip. 2003. "Is Low Fertility a Twenty-First-Century Demographic Crisis?" *Demography* 40(4):589-603.

Lesthaeghe, Ron. 2010. "The Unfolding Story of the Second Demographic Transition." *Population and Development Review* 36(2):211-51.

Kaiser, Jocelyn. 2011. "Does Family Planning Bring Down Fertility?" *Science* (July 29) pp. 548-549.
<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/333/6042/548>

Forero, Juan. 2011. "Fertility Rate Plummets in Brazil." *The Washington Post*, December 29, 2011.
https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/fertility-rate-plummets-in-brazil/2011/12/23/gIQAAsOXWPP_story.html

OPTIONAL READINGS

Lesthaeghe, R., and K. Neels. 2002. "From the First to the Second Demographic Transition: An Interpretation of the Spatial Continuity of Demographic Innovation in France, Belgium and Switzerland." *European Journal of Population / Revue européenne de Démographie* 18(4):325-60.

Beaujot, Roderic, Ching Jiangqin Du, and Zenaida Ravanera. 2013. "Family Policies in Quebec and the Rest of Canada: Implications for Fertility, Child-Care, Women's Paid Work, and Child Development Indicators." *Canadian Public Policy / Analyse de Politiques* 39(2):221-39.

Morgan, S. Philip, and Miles G. Taylor. 2006. "Low Fertility at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century." *Annual Review of Sociology* 32(1):375-99.

La Ferrara, Eliana, Alberto Chong, and Suzanne Duryea. 2012. "Soap Operas and Fertility: Evidence from Brazil." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 4(4):1-31.

Fostik, Ana, and Nora Galbraith. 2021. "Changes in fertility intentions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic ". Ottawa, ON.

Forero, Juan. 2012. "Brazil's Falling Birth Rate: A New Way of Thinking." National Public Radio, January 15. <https://www.npr.org/2012/01/15/145133220/brazils-falling-birth-rate-a-new-way-of-thinking>. READ OR LISTEN.

CLASS 7 February 27. MARRIAGE, FAMILIES, HOUSEHOLDS

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapter 5

Seltzer, Judith A. 2019. "Family Change and Changing Family Demography." *Demography* 56(2):405-26.

SKIM FOR MAIN POINT(S)

Margolis, Rachel, Youjin Choi, Feng Hou, and Michael Haan. 2019. "Capturing trends in Canadian divorce in an era without vital statistics." *Demographic Research* 41:1453-78.

McLanahan, Sara. 2004. "Diverging destinies: How children are faring under the second demographic transition." *Demography* 41(4):607-27.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Smock, Pamela J., and Christine R. Schwartz. 2020. "The Demography of Families: A Review of Patterns and Change." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 82(1):9-34.

Margolis, Rachel & Mikko Myrskylä (2011). "A Global Perspective on Happiness and Fertility." *Population and Development Review* 37: 29–56.

Myrskylä, Mikko, and Rachel Margolis (2014). "Happiness: Before and After the Kids." *Demography* 51: 1843-1866.

Kohler, Hans-Peter, Jere R. Behrman, and Axel Skytthe. 2005. "Partner + Children = Happiness? The Effects of Partnerships and Fertility on Well-Being." *Population and Development Review* 31(3):407-45.

Mikucka, Małgorzata, and Ester Rizzi. 2020. "The Parenthood and Happiness Link: Testing Predictions from Five Theories." *European Journal of Population* 36(2):337-61.

Le Bourdais, Céline, and Évelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk. 2004. "Changes in conjugal life in Canada: Is cohabitation progressively replacing marriage?" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66(4):929-42.

CLASS 8 March 6. MORTALITY – KEY CONCEPTS

CORE RADINGS

Trovato Chapter 7.

Pages 257-294 (up to "Health Patterns in Low and Middle-Income Countries")

Couzin-Frankel, Jennifer. 2011. "A pitched battle over life span." *Science*:549-50.

Omran, Abdel R. 1971. "The Epidemiologic Transition: A Theory of the Epidemiology of Population Change." *The Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly* 49(4):509-38.
Pages 509-525 (the first three propositions)

OPTIONAL READINGS

Kintner, Hallie. 2004. "The Life Table." Pp. 301-340 in *The Methods and Materials of Demography*. Jacob S. Siegel & David A. Swanson (Eds.). Elsevier Academic Press.

Poston, Dudley L Jr., and Leon F. Bouvier. 2017. "The Life Table." Pp. 173-177 in *Population and Society: An Introduction to Demography*, Second Edition. Cambridge University Press.

Robine, Jean-Marie. 2021. "Ageing populations: We are living longer lives, but are we healthier?": United Nations, Department of Economics and Social Affairs, Population Division.

Caldwell, John. 2006. "Back to the Future: The Great Mortality Crises." in *Demographic Transition Theory*. Netherlands: Springer.

CLASS 9 March 13. MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY – SELECT TOPICS

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapter 7.

Pages 294-330 (from "Health Patterns in Low and Middle-Income Countries")

McKinlay, John B. 1979. "A case for refocusing upstream: the political economy of illness." Pp. 9-25 in *Patients, physicians and illness: A sourcebook in behavioral science and health*. New York: Free Press.

Richmond, Chantelle A. M. and Nancy A. Ross. 2009. "The Determinants of First Nation and Inuit Health: A Critical Population Health Approach." *Health & Place* 15(2):403-11.

SKIM ONLY

Mikkonen, Juha, and Dennis Raphael. (2010). *Social Determinants of Health: The Canadian Facts*. York University School of Health Policy and Management.

Vos, Theo, Stephen S. Lim, Cristiana Abbafati, et al. 2020. "Global burden of 369 diseases and injuries in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2019: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019." *The Lancet* 396(10258):1204-22.

Zajacova, Anna, Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk and Zachary Zimmer. 2021. "Pain Trends among American Adults, 2002–2018: Patterns, Disparities, and Correlates ". *Demography* 58(2):711–38.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Adler, Nancy, Thomas Boyce, Margaret A. Chesney, Sheldon Cohen, Susan Folkman, Robert L. Kahn and S. Leonard Syme. 1994. "Socioeconomic Status and Health: The Challenge of the Gradient." *American Psychologist* 49:15-24.

Williams, David R. and Selina A. Mohammed. 2013. "Racism and Health I: Pathways and Scientific Evidence." *American Behavioral Scientist* 57(8):1152-73

Kristof, Nicholas. 2019. "This Has Been the Best Year Ever." *The New York Times*, December 28, 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/28/opinion/sunday/2019-best-year-poverty.html>

Burden of Disease additional information: <https://ourworldindata.org/burden-of-disease>

Choi, Kate H., Patrick Denice, Michael Haan, and Anna Zajacova. 2021. "Studying the social determinants of COVID-19 in a data vacuum." *Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue canadienne de sociologie* 58(2):146-64.

Case, A. and A. Deaton. 2015. "Rising morbidity and mortality in midlife among white non-Hispanic Americans in the 21st century." *PNAS*, 112(49): 15078-15083.

CLASS 10 March 20. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapter 8 only pages 340-379, and Chapter 9 (The definitions, measures, and theories of internal migration in Chapter 8 overlap closely with the theories of international migration; it's helpful to read them together)

Kaushal, Neeraj, and Yao Lu. 2015. "Recent Immigration to Canada and the United States: A Mixed Tale of Relative Selection." *International Migration Review* 49(2):479-522.

Balintec, Vanessa. 2022. "Internationally-Trained Nurses Are Entering the Battle against Covid-19. But Is It Too Little, Too Late?" in *CBC News*.
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/internationally-trained-nurses-are-entering-the-battle-against-covid-19-but-is-it-too-little-too-late-1.6317775>.

Massey, Douglas S., Joaquin Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouaouci, Adela Pellegrino, and J. Edward Taylor. 1993. "Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal." *Population and Development Review* 19(3):431-66.

SKIM; EXTRACT MAIN FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS

Abada, Teresa, Feng Hou, and Bali Ram. 2008. "Ethnic differences in educational attainment among the children of Canadian immigrants." *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 34(1):1-30.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Massey, Douglas S. 2003. "Patterns and Processes of International Migration in the 21 st Century." in *Conference on African Migration in Comparative Perspective*. Johannesburg, South Africa.

Alba, Richard, and Victor Nee. 1997. "Rethinking Assimilation Theory for a New Era of Immigration." *International Migration Review* 31(4):826-74.

Coleman, David. 2006. "Immigration and Ethnic Change in Low-Fertility Countries: A Third Demographic Transition." *Population and Development Review* 32(3):401-46.

Zagheni, Emilio, Ingmar Weber and Krishna Gummadi. 2017. "Leveraging Facebook's Advertising Platform to Monitor Stocks of Migrants." *Population and Development Review* 43(4):721-34.

Smits, Jeroen, Clara H. Mulder and Pieter Hooimeijer. 2003. "Changing Gender Roles, Shifting Power Balance and Long-Distance Migration of Couples." *Urban Studies* 40(3):603-13.

CLASS 11 March 27. INTERNAL MIGRATION AND URBANIZATION

CORE READINGS

Trovato Chapters 8 pages 379 to end of chapter, and Chapter 10

Glaeser, Edward. 2011. "Cities, Productivity, and Quality of Life." *Science* 333:592-94.

McCoy, Terrence. 2022. "Brazil mudslides: Climate change turns favelas into disasters waiting to happen." *The Washington Post*, February 24, 2022. Accessed February 25, 2022.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/02/24/brazil-landslide-petropolis-favela/>.

SKIM FOR MAIN POINTS, OVERLAPS WITH TROVATO

Amirault, David, Daniel de Munnik, and Sarah Miller. 2013. "Explaining Canada's regional migration patterns." *Bank of Canada Review* 2013(Spring):16-28.

OPTIONAL READINGS

Cooke, Martin, and Christopher Penney. 2019. "Indigenous Migration in Canada, 2006–2011." *Canadian Studies in Population* 46(2):121-43.

Chastko, Karl. 2021. Internal Migration: Overview, 2016/2017 to 2018/2019. Statistics Canada Catalogue No. 91-203-X. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/91-203-x/2021001/article/00001-eng.pdf?st=C15SmeMB>. Accessed January 3, 2022.

Ritchie, Hanna, and Max Roser. 2019. "Urbanization." *Our World in Data*.
https://ourworldindata.org/urbanization?source=content_type%3Areact%7Cfirst_level_url%3Aarticle%7Csection%3Amain_content%7Cbutton%3Abody_link#citation. Accessed January 3, 2022.

CLASS 12 April 3. POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT, THE CLIMATE CRISIS

De Souza, Roger-Mark, John S. Williams, and Frederick A. B. Meyerson. 2003. "Critical links: Population, health, and the environment." *Population Bulletin* 58(3):2-43.

Malakoff, David. 2011. "Are More People Necessarily a Problem?" *Science* 333(6042):544-46.

Public Broadcasting Corporation. 2019. "How climate change is driving emigration from Central America."

Thiede, Brian. 2019. "Climate Change Will Likely Influence Fertility Rates." Wilson Center.

World Health Organization. 2021. "Climate change and health."

Yu, Eunice, and Jianguo Liu. 2007. "Environmental impacts of divorce." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 104(51):20629-34.

OPTIONAL

Brown, Lester R, Gary Gardner, and Brian Halweil. 1998. *Beyond Malthus: The Nineteen Dimensions of the Population Challenge*: Routledge.

Easterbrook, G. 1997. "Forgotten Benefactor of Humanity." *The Atlantic Monthly* 279(1):74-82.

Hardin, Garrett. 1968. "The Tragedy of the Commons." *Science* 162(3859):1243-48.

Trovato Chapter 11

Droughts augment youth migration in Northern Latin America and the Caribbean. (skim abstract and conclusion) <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10584-016-1863-2>

Climate change, internal migration, and the future spatial distribution of population: a case study of New Zealand. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11111-017-0289-8>

McLeod, C., Barr, H., & Rall, K. (2019). Does Climate Change Increase the Risk of Child Marriage: Look at What We Know And What We Don't With Lessons from Bangladesh and Mozambique. *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, 38(1), 96-146. [Only pages from 106-123]
<https://journals.library.columbia.edu/index.php/cjgl/article/view/4604>

CLASS 13. SUMMARY, REVIEW. WORK ON POSTERS. EXAM PREP.

OPTIONAL

Beaujot, Roderic. 2003. "Projecting the Future of Canada's Population: Assumptions, Implications, and Policy." *Canadian Studies in Population* 30(1):1-28.

Important Information and Policies

Course delivery with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic

Although the intent is for this course to be delivered in-person, the changing COVID-19 landscape may necessitate some or all of the course to be delivered online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any assessments affected will be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

When deemed necessary, tests and examinations in this course will be conducted using a remote proctoring service. By taking this course, you are consenting to the use of this software and acknowledge that you will be required to provide personal information (including some biometric data) and the session will be recorded. Completion of this course will require you to have a reliable internet connection and a device that meets the technical requirements for this service. More information about this remote proctoring service, including technical requirements, is available on Western's Remote Proctoring website at: <https://remoteproctoring.uwo.ca>.

A Note on Plagiarism

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence. See **Scholastic Offences** (below) for the link to Scholastic Discipline regulations.

Plagiarism Checking

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the

licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com:
<http://www.turnitin.com>

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/appeals_discipline/index.html

Accommodation

Western is committed to achieving barrier-free accessibility for all its members, including graduate students. As part of this commitment, Western provides a variety of services devoted to promoting, advocating, and accommodating persons with disabilities in their respective graduate program.

Graduate students with disabilities (for example, chronic illnesses, mental health conditions, mobility impairments) are strongly encouraged to register with Accessible Education Western (AEW), a confidential service designed to support graduate and undergraduate students through their academic program. With the appropriate documentation, the student will work with both AEW and their graduate programs (normally their Graduate Chair and/or Course instructor) to ensure that appropriate academic accommodations to program requirements are arranged. These accommodations include individual counselling, alternative formatted literature, accessible campus transportation, learning strategy instruction, writing exams and assistive technology instruction.

Completion of Course Requirements

Course requirements must be completed by the end of the term in which the course is offered (Fall-December 31; Winter-April 30, Summer-August 31). Only in exceptional circumstances may a student take additional time to complete the course requirements. In such a case, the student must first meet with the Graduate Chair to request permission to carry the incomplete. Medical documentation, where required, will be kept on file in the Sociology graduate program office. More details regarding incompletes are outlined in the Graduate Handbook:

http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate_handbook/course_information.html

Mental Health

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness Western for a complete list of options to obtain help: http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/

Health and Wellness

As part of a successful graduate student experience at Western, we encourage students to make their health and wellness a priority. Students seeking help regarding mental health concerns are advised to speak to someone they feel comfortable confiding in, such as their faculty supervisor, their program director (graduate chair), or other relevant administrators in their unit. The [Wellness Education Centre](#) (lower level UCC) assists students in finding mental health and other related resources best suited to their needs: <http://se.uwo.ca/wec.html> Western's School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies' [Living Well](#) website provides tips for thriving at grad school and other helpful information: http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/living_well/index.html

Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help you achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing your graduate degree. For example, to support physical

activity, all students, as part of their registration, receive membership in [Western's Campus Recreation Centre](http://www.westernmustangs.ca/index.aspx?path=ims#): <http://www.westernmustangs.ca/index.aspx?path=ims#> Numerous cultural events are offered throughout the year. Also, we encourage you to check out the Faculty of Music web page <http://www.music.uwo.ca/>, and our own McIntosh Gallery <http://www.mcintoshgallery.ca/>.

Standards of Professional Behaviour

It is the responsibility of all members of the Department of Sociology to adhere to and promote standards of professional behaviour that support an effective learning environment. These include:

- **respect for others** both in and out of the classroom through words and actions (be professional, fair, and respectful in interactions with people on-line and in-person; understand and respect differences among classmates and colleagues; avoid disrupting the learning environment; respect others' expectations of confidentiality and privacy)
- **active engagement in learning** and commitment to quality (being prepared for classes; participating and listening actively to other; using technology and social media appropriately, striving to do your best)
- **personal integrity** (following through on commitments; doing own work)

Students should also be aware of the **UWO Student Code of Conduct** found at <https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>