

**2021 Spring
Open Elective List – St. Clair College**

SSC 125G – Sociology & Gender Relations

This course is intended to familiarize the student with the role that socialization plays in the construction of gender roles and gender-based stereotyping. We will also discuss the power differential between the sexes which serves to keep women in positions of relative disadvantage in our society.

Section 001-1327	ONLINE	Instructor: Alexandra Frabotta	Limit: 50
Section 002-1185	ONLINE	Instructor: B. Berlasty	Limit: 50

SSC 128G – Drugs Society and Human Behaviour

Provides practical knowledge about legal and illegal drugs and their influence on Canadian society. This course will also examine how different drugs affect the individual and the society in which they live. Topics will include the history of drugs, psychopharmacy of drugs, and consequences of addictions and substance abuse. Examination of special at-risk groups and legal issues will also be explored.

Section 001-1150	ONLINE	Instructor: A. Dinardo/TBA	Limit: 50
Section 002-1281	ONLINE	Instructor: A. Dinardo/TBA	Limit: 50

SSC 131G – The Underground Railroad Pioneers

In this course students will examine the slave trade industry and its impact on our Canadian culture during the 18th century and beyond. By examining the policies, people and events of the day, students will better understand abolitionist and underground activity. Case studies, in-class discussions and learning activities will focus on settlements within our community which have been established to settle escaped slaves/fugitives. Students will develop an awareness of their own personal history, and determine how these roots have helped to bind and shape our community as we know it today.

Section 001-3372	ONLINE	Instructor: I. Moore-Davis	Limit: 50
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SSC 150G – Contemporary Social Problems

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate increased awareness and understanding of problematic social conditions in Canadian society and throughout the world. Students will develop a framework by which to formulate their own opinions, appreciate other's opinions, recognize government's roles and assess national and global issues.

Section 001-1279	ONLINE	Instructor: E. Revenberg/TBA	Limit: 50
Section 002-1157	ONLINE	Instructor: E. Revenberg/TBA	Limit: 50

SSC 165G – How To Be Who I Want to Be

This course is designed to help students learn how to take charge of one's own life by developing an understanding of the factors that influence behaviour. The focus will be on increasing self-awareness and facilitating a growth mindset as stepping stones to personal growth. The class will promote the development of personal strengths, coping strategies, self-management, and personal goal attainment. Students will also explore strategies for sparking curiosity and academic engagement.

Section 001-1186	ONLINE	Instructor: K. Henley/A. Frabotta	Limit: 50
Section 002-1187	ONLINE	Instructor: K. Henley/A. Frabotta	Limit: 50

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SSC 174G – Interpersonal Violence in Canadian Society

Provides practical knowledge about facts of interpersonal violence and their influence on Canadian Society. This course will examine how different forms of interpersonal violence affect the individual and the society, in which they live and work. Topics will include interpersonal violence, personal and societal responsibilities, behaviour and lifestyle. Consequences of violence and the examination of special at-risk groups and legal issues will also be explored.

Section 001-1280	ONLINE	Instructor: A. Barron/TBA	Limit: 50
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SSC 177G – Society and Me

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate an increased awareness and understanding of our social roles, how we are influenced by culture and how we as an individual, or groups, can impact society.

Section 001-1173	ONLINE – 6 weeks (May 10 – June 20, 2021)	Instructor: S. Decator	Limit: 50
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SSC 189G – To Bee or Not To Bee? An Exploration

Why all the bee buzz? Because bee life matters! The honey bee has been a resourceful friend and contributor to human civilizations since ancient Egypt. But beginning in 2003, worldwide alarms sounded due to the emerging bee decline. It has been predicted that 60 years after the extinction of the honey bee, there will no longer be human life on earth. We must all be part of an important crisis plan. In this course we will investigate the plight of the honey bee. We will explore their history, and what they need to continue to flourish. Their economic contribution and how they benefit society is also examined. We'll discover why these important pollinators are not only essential to their own colony, but to the agricultural industry and the human food system. Loss of honeybees would mean the collapse of the natural ecosystem. Who will care for them? ... To bee or not to bee, that is the question.

Section 001-1153	ONLINE	Instructor: L. Kapetanov/A. Bake	Limit: 50
Section 002-1154	ONLINE	Instructor: L. Kapetanov/A. Bake	Limit: 50

SSC 212G – Introduction to Canadian Pop Culture

Popular culture will be explored through the study of television, music, literature, sports and movies. Students will examine how and why people select their entertainment, what such things as television programs and movies mean to the people who watch them, how popular products such as compact discs are marketed and how all aspects of our daily lives influence our basic values and beliefs.

Section 001-1115	ONLINE	Instructor: A. Frabotta	Limit: 50
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SSC 223G – Hip-Hop Culture and Social Change *NEW*

This course is an exploration of hip-hop culture and its impact on the world. Students will discover how hip-hop developed as well as the various forms it has taken over time and depending on the locale and cultural background of the performer. Particular attention will be paid to the impact of hip-hop culture on music, fashion, popular culture, language, social movements, and political activism in North America and around the world.

Section 001-3370	ONLINE	Instructor: I. Moore-Davis	Limit: 50
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SSC 239G – Race, Racism, and Anti-Racism in North American Society *NEW*

Students will explore the genesis of race as an idea and how the concept of race has evolved over time. They will discuss the ways in which race has been used to justify unfair practices in North American history as well as forms of discrimination which persist today. Students will learn about a variety of social movements designed to address racism and its negative effects, and will evaluate contemporary anti-racism approaches. Students will practice recognizing implicit bias in themselves and discuss how to combat racism in daily life.

Section 001-3371	ONLINE	Instructor: I. Moore-Davis	Limit: 50
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SSC 500G – The Incredible Human Mind

The human mind can do extraordinary things, and it can also make incredible mistakes. In this course we will figure out what's going on in both cases. What's involved when we have a 'hunch' about something based on very little evidence? How can two people witness the same event and walk away with two completely different interpretations? Why do some people believe in conspiracy theories? We'll also look at the incentives that influence our behaviour, sometimes in strange ways and we'll conclude the course with a look at the factors that affect our own happiness, and how we tend to confuse those factors in ways that make happiness difficult for us to achieve.

Section 001-1155	ONLINE	Instructor: J. Morris/D.Potocek	Limit: 50
Section 002-1156	ONLINE	Instructor: J. Freer/D. Potocek	Limit: 50