

## **SOCI 110**

### **Writing Assignments**

Shortly, you will receive a table describing the four major theoretical perspectives in Sociology. Each approaches a phenomenon slightly differently while staying in within the sociological framework. What follows is a two-part assignment based on those theoretical perspectives:

Consult a news periodical (either a newspaper or a news magazine) and locate a Canadian social issue that is affecting the lives of individual Canadians. The issue can be extremely broad (globalization for example) or extremely narrow (homelessness in Calgary) but hopefully your choice will lie somewhere in the middle.

Assignment 1. Using APA style and guidelines regarding writing a research paper provided by Columbia College, write a short paper (roughly 5 to 6 pages double-spaced) discussing that Canadian social issue using one of the four major theoretical approaches. This assignment is due by the beginning of class on February 7, 2011 (class #5). Be prepared to give the class a two or three minute verbal summary of the content of your paper.

Assignment 2. Using APA style and guidelines regarding writing a research paper provided by Columbia College, write a short paper (roughly 5 to 6 pages double-spaced) discussing the same Canadian social issue (from assignment #1) using another of the four major theoretical approaches. This assignment is due by the beginning of class on February 16, 2011 (class #8). Be prepared to give the class a two or three minute verbal summary of the content of your paper.

Ideally, you should be working on both projects at the same time.

Important Note: As some of the possible social issues are unsuitable for this assignment for various reasons, you must have your choice approved by the course facilitator BEFORE you begin work on the assignment. Also remember that you are not trying to solve the problem or deal with the issue. The goal is to understand it.