Jennifer Weerasinghe’s Sociology Experience

When deciding on what my future would look like after high-school, Glendon was an easy choice for me. However, I was unsure of what my passion was and what I wanted to specialize in. In my first year of study at Glendon, I decided to take two courses that are offered by Glendon’s Department of Sociology; Principles of Sociology (SOCI 2510) and Deviant Behaviour and Social Control (SOCI 2520). Instantly, I came to the realization that the study of society is what I am truly passionate about and what I want to specialize in within my post-secondary studies and throughout my life.

By taking two sociology courses in my first year of study, I gained the skills and confidence necessary to effectively analyze the dynamics of a collectivity and the ways in which social inequality is manifested and maintained within societies. I realized that the study of sociology is very applicable to the day-to-day interactions of individuals and I find that it is becoming increasingly important to understand these interactions in order to ensure the smooth-running of a society. The sociology courses offered by Glendon’s Sociology Department allowed me to apply theoretical perspectives and principles to my daily experiences and the events that occur on an international scale.

In my first year of study, I received a significant amount of invaluable guidance and support from my sociology professors. My professors were very passionate about sociology and I am grateful to have had the experience of learning from such innovative figures. In my sociology lectures, my professors would often make reference to their own research projects or their experiences in the field. It was very encouraging and it allowed me to navigate the pathway of what I want my future to look like. My sociology professors emphasized the importance of being critical of information that is presented, and this has allowed me to further develop my “sociological imagination” as an undergraduate student. Throughout my experience of writing various research papers and response papers for my sociology professors, I have gained insight that our society is constantly in a state of change and the study of sociology is essential to understanding this transformation.

The sociology courses offered at Glendon allowed me to realize that various areas of focus, such as the education system and the justice system, can be analyzed empirically. The “Principles of Sociology” course provided me with a strong framework for the future courses that I am going to take. It focused on social construction and the various forms of social inequality within different social institutions. The “Deviant Behaviour and Social Control” course that I took allowed me to apply sociology and criminology theories to better understand the rationale of individuals who step outside of the normative expectations that are set by society’s elite.

Thanks to my first-year sociology professors and colleagues, I have had a very positive experience in university. It is such an inspirational and uplifting experience that I am surrounded by other students who are as passionate about sociology as I am and that I am learning from professors who are committed to cultivating a stimulating learning environment.
I am currently entering my second year at Glendon in pursuit of an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. I look forward to continuing my studies in the department by enrolling in the diverse courses that are offered by Glendon’s Department of Sociology. In addition, I look forward to conducting my own sociology research project, as I enter my second year.