



Culture

SOC 100

Module TWO



# Mentimeter

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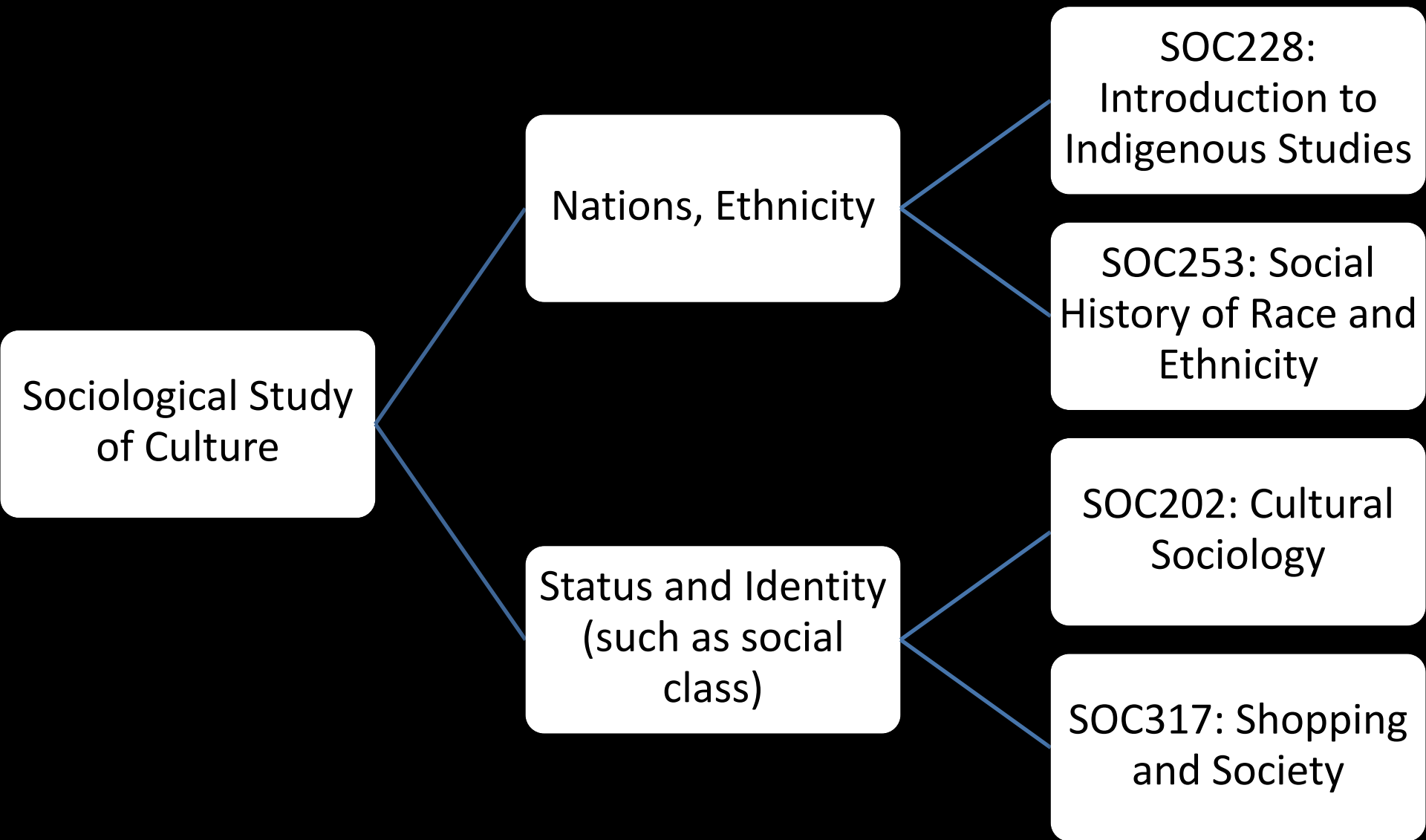
# Culture

Culture: “A collection of learned ideas, practices, symbols, customs, and material objects.”

“Culture” versus “Society”: Culture is part of what defines a society, exists within society

In sociology, the study of culture encompasses:

- nations and ethnicity
- status and identity



# Culture in Canada

- In what way is culture written into Canadian federal policy?
- Which term aligns most with the relationship to Indigenous people in Canada upon European settlement?
- Which other term is conceptually similar?

# **IS THE DECISION TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY SHAPED BY FAMILY CULTURE?**

What could we mean by “culture” in this question?

# Delving Deeper: Status and Identity

- High culture: “The cultural practices and goods that are high status and associated with a society’s elite.”
- Mass culture: “The cultural practices and goods that are widely shared and associated with a society’s majority.”

# Blurring the Lines between High and Mass Culture

- Fashion collaborations
- “Glamburgers” and the transformation of mass culture, comfort foods
- Banks’ 2019 research on fine art auctions; tracing art collectors becoming cultural omnivores



## **NEXT CLASS (MONDAY):**

- socialization and interaction
  - networks, groups, and organizations
- with Prof. Innocente
- first “Topics Survey” opportunity!