

FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL THEORY (SOCIOLOGY 3300)

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SYLLABUS

The goals of the course are:

>to understand the purpose of social theory, which is to explain the patterns and processes of human social interaction. We are all theorists - we all have and use explanations for what people do - but as social scientists we focus our thoughts formally and systematically, test our proposed explanations, and try to improve them over time.

>to understand sociology as a pluralist field with multiple theoretical perspectives.

>to become familiar with some of the most important sociological theories and theorists, including Durkheim, Marx and Weber.

>to be prepared for graduate study in sociology.

>to be prepared as a citizen of a democracy to creatively analyze social interaction and propose alternative explanations for various patterns and processes of human social interaction (i.e., the crazy things people do), which have implications not only for individual actions but for social policies.

REQUIRED TEXT (available in the KSU Bookstore)

Classical Sociological Theory, 3rd Edition (ed. Calhoun et al) 2012

ADDITIONAL E-RESERVE READINGS

2052 (Randers)

The Upside of Down (Homer-Dixon)

Ecological Futures (Chew)

SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEEK 1	August 17 Introduction	August 19 Introduction
WEEK 2	August 24 ONLINE LECTURE -- ASA CST I, 1-3 (Hobbes, Rousseau, & Kant)	August 26 CST I and CST II (Hobbes, Rousseau, Kant, Smith & de Tocqueville)
WEEK 3	August 31 M.C. EXAM ONE ESSAY EXAM ONE DUE	September 2 CST III, 9-10 (Marx)
WEEK 4	September 7 LABOR DAY - NO CLASS	September 10 CST III, 11-12 (Marx)
WEEK 5	September 14 CST III, 13-14 (Marx)	September 16 CST IV, 15 (Durkheim)
WEEK 6	September 21 CST IV, 16 (Durkheim)	September 23 CST IV, 18 (Durkheim)
WEEK 7	September 28 CST IV, 17 (Durkheim)	September 30 CST V, 19-20 (Weber)
WEEK 8	October 5 CST V, 23, 21 (Weber)	October 7 CST V, 22, 24 (Weber)
	October 12 ONLINE LECTURE Marx/Durkheim/Weber Overview	October 14 M.C. EXAM TWO ESSAY EXAM TWO DUE
WEEK 9	October 19 CST VI, 25-28 (Mead & Simmel)	October 21 CST VI, 29-30 (Freud & Du Bois)
WEEK 10	October 26 CST VII, 32 (Horkheimer) (plus Mannheim and Hutchinson)	October 28 CST VII, 33-35 (Benjamin, Horkheimer & Adorno, Marcuse)

WEEK 11	November 2 Introduction to Ecological Materialism (Part 1)	November 4 Introduction to Ecological Materialism (Part 2)
WEEK 12	November 9 2052 -- Randers	November 11 2052 -- Randers
WEEK 13	November 16 <i>The Upside of Down</i> – Homer-Dixon	November 18 <i>Ecological Futures</i> -- Chew
WEEK 14	November 23 <i>FALL BREAK – NO CLASS</i>	November 25 <i>FALL BREAK – NO CLASS</i>
WEEK 15	November 30 ONLINE ASSIGNMENT	December 2 ONLINE ASSIGNMENT
WEEK 16	December 7 Ecological Materialism Conclusion	December 9 6:00 – 8:00 PM (FINAL EXAM) M.C. EXAM THREE ESSAY EXAM THREE DUE

EVALUATION

1) There will be three in-class, open note-open book multiple choice exams. The first, after the introductory lectures, will be worth 50 points. The second, on Marx, Durkheim and Weber, will be worth 100 points. The third, on ecological materialism, will be worth 50 points.

2) There will be three take-home essay exams. The first will be worth 50 points, and the second and third will be worth 100 points.

You will be required to submit your essays to the dropbox in D2L (which sends it to Turnitin.com). I will provide you with detailed instructions for the essays.

2 multiple-choice exams	50 points each>	100 points
1 multiple-choice exam	100 points	100 points
1 take-home essay exam	50 points	50 points
2 take-home essay exams	100 points each>	200 points

COURSE TOTAL: 450 points

SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZZES

Weekly online self-assessment quizzes will be available for you to use to check that you have the correct information and to prepare for the exams.

POLICIES

1) ATTENDANCE

If you ever have to miss class, make sure to get the notes for the lecture you missed from a fellow student. If you have a university-sanctioned reason to miss an exam, such as an athletic event, you must notify me in advance in order to make-up the exam, preferably prior to the regularly scheduled time. **If you are sick, you must let me know the day of the exam, assignment, or exercise in order to qualify for making up the work.**

2) PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

There is no use of cell phones for texting while in class. Phones should be turned off. You must discuss with me any reason you need to keep your phone on vibrate to receive a call, otherwise it will be considered a violation. Laptops may be used ONLY for note-taking. This will be monitored.

3) INTEGRITY

It is your responsibility to maintain academic integrity as specified in the KSU Student Code of Conduct. Do not cheat or plagiarize, and do not aid and abet others in cheating or plagiarizing. My policy for a first offense is that if you are caught cheating or helping a fellow student cheat your grade for that assignment may be a ZERO. Any subsequent infractions may result in your expulsion from the course with an F, and a referral to the University Administration for further sanctions.

4) ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Disabled Student Support Services in the Student Development Center: 770-423-6443, or e-mail Nastassia Sanabria at nsanabria@kennesaw.edu. The office is located in the Student Center, Building 5, Room 267. I will work with the student and the Center to make a reasonable accommodation for testing once verification has been provided to me by the office.

5) ADVISING

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to offer academic advising to students in the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC). The UAC is located in Willingham Hall, Room 223. Their hours are Monday - Friday 9 am - 6 pm. Students are strongly encouraged to make appointment by using the website, or by calling the Center during office hours at 770-794-7728. For more information, visit the UAC website: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/hssadvising/home.php>."