

# FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL THEORY (SOCIOLOGY 3300)

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T-TH 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM/SO #3021

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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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (ed. Calhoun et al) 2012*

## ADDITIONAL E-RESERVE READINGS

*2052 (Randers)*

*The Upside of Down (Homer-Dixon)*

*The Recurring Dark Ages (Chew)*

# SCHEDULE

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 1	January 12 Introduction: Theory	January 14 Introduction: The Enlightenment
WEEK 2	January 19 The Enlightenment CST I, 1-3 (Hobbes, Rousseau & Kant)	January 21 CST I, 1-3 (Hobbes, Rousseau & Kant)
WEEK 3	January 26 CST I, 4& 5, CST II, 7 (Smith & de Tocqueville)	January 28 <b>M.C. EXAM ONE</b>  <b>ESSAY EXAM ONE DUE</b>
WEEK 4	February 2 CST III, 9 & 10 (Marx)	February 4 CST III, 11 & 12 (Marx)
WEEK 5	February 9 CST III, 13 & 14 (Marx)	February 11 CST IV, 15 (Durkheim)
WEEK 6	February 16 CST IV, 16 (Durkheim)	February 18 CST IV, 18 (Durkheim)
WEEK 7	February 23 CST IV, 17 (Durkheim)	February 25 CST V, 19 & 20 (Weber)
WEEK 8	March 1 CST V, 21 (Weber)	March 3 CST V, 22 -- 24 (Weber)
WEEK 9	March 8 Marx/Durkheim/Weber Overview	March 10 <b>M.C. EXAM TWO</b>  <b>ESSAY EXAM TWO DUE</b>
WEEK 10	March 15 CST VI, 25-28 (Mead & Simmel)	March 17 CST VI, 29 & 30 (Freud & Du Bois)
WEEK 11	March 22 CST VII, 32 (Horkheimer & Mannheim)	March 24 CST VII, 33-35 (Benjamin, Horkheimer & Adorno, Marcuse)

WEEK 12	March 29 Ecological Materialism	March 31 Ecological Materialism
WEEK 13	April 5 <b>SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS</b>	April 7 <b>SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS</b>
WEEK 14	April 12 2052 (Randers)	April 14 2052 (Randers)
WEEK 15	April 19 <i>The Upside of Down</i> (Homer-Dixon)	April 21 <i>The Upside of Down</i> (Homer-Dixon)
WEEK 16	April 26 <i>The Recurring Dark Ages</i> (Chew)	April 28 Ecological Materialism Overview
WEEK 17	May 3 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM <b>ESSAY EXAM THREE DUE</b>  <b>M.C. EXAM THREE</b>	

## EVALUATION

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

2) There will be one 50-point take-home essay exam, and two 100-point take-home essay exams. 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 each	100 points
1 take-home essay exam	50 points each	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](mailto: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>."