

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

COURSE OUTLINE

WINTER 2010
SOCIOLOGY 631.01
SEMINAR IN CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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REQUIRED READINGS: Emile Durkheim. Rules of Sociological Method.
Max Weber. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.
Additional readings will be available in the Sociology Reading Room.

MARK DISTRIBUTION: Composition of Final Grade

Assignment One (Oct. 15)	25%
Assignment Two (Nov. 19)	35%
Assignment Three (Dec. 20)	40%

LETTER GRADE CONVERSIONS:

		A+	90% or >
A	85-89%		
A-	80-84%		
B+	77-79%		
B	73-76%		
B-	70-72%		
C+	67-69%		
C	63-66%		
C-	60-62%		
D+	55-59%		
D	50-54%		

F 49% or <

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores key texts of the writers who are largely responsible for the sociological theory canon (“the classics”). Its objectives are: (1) to set out an analysis of the core ideas of each writer (what the classics said) and (2) to use these analyses as points of entry into ongoing debates about the content and contemporary relevance of classical sociological theory—debates about what the classics are, how to study the classics and the classical canon.

LECTURE OUTLINE AND REQUIRED READINGS

The following is a brief summary of the writers we will cover and dates when their work will be discussed. Minor departures from this outline should be expected.

- I. Introduction (Sept. 13, 20)
- II. Emile Durkheim (Sept. 27, Oct. 4)
- III. Karl Marx (Oct. 18, 25)
- IV. Max Weber (Nov. 1, 8)
- V. Talcott Parsons (Nov. 15, 22)
- VI. The Debate on Canonicity in Sociology (Nov. 29, Dec. 6)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The required readings should be completed before each seminar. Please bring the current readings to the seminar.

Assignment One is due at 1600 on October 15, 2010. Assignment Two is due at 1400 on November, 19, 2010. Assignment Three will be handed out on December 6, 2010. It is due at 1600 on December 20, 2010. Late assignments will not be accepted. The instructions for the assignments must be followed.

Deferrals: If at all possible you must provide *advance* notice to the instructor if you are unable to take a test or pass in an assignment or essay on time. All requests for deferral of a course component due to health reasons must be accompanied by written documentation as outlined in the University Calendar and should be obtained while the

student has the physical or emotional problem rather than after recovery. Deferrals will be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. Travel arrangements and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferral. Deferrals will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

If you have missed a test for a legitimate reason, the instructor can require you to write a “make up” test as close in time to the original test as possible or can choose to transfer the percentage weight to another course component. If the instructor schedules a “make up” test for you, its date and location will be at the convenience of the Sociology Department.

Please note that requests to defer a final examination or to defer term work past the end of a term go through the Undergraduate Programs Office (UPO) and must be processed by the deadlines that are established in the U of C Calendar. You can find the forms you need online:

Deferred Final Exam Application:

http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/APP%20FOR%20DF%20EXAM_0.pdf

Deferred Term Work Form:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/defTW.pdf>

You must submit these deferral forms to the Faculty of Arts Associate Dean (Students) through the UPO office: Undergraduate Programs Office, 4th Floor, MacEwan Student Centre. Only the Associate Dean approves requests for deferrals which extend beyond the end of a term. Instructors are not involved in such decisions. To make an appointment with the Associate Dean, phone (403) 220-8155.

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, phone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. It is a student’s responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.

Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct are regarded as serious academic offences. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

Ethics Research: Students are advised that any research with human subjects--including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation--must have the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside an instructor's office or the Department main office. Written assignments must be returned to students individually, during class, or during the instructor's office hours; if a student is unable to pick up her/his assignment s/he may provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Handing in papers outside of class, return of final papers, and release of final grades:

1. When students are unable to submit papers in class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor or teaching assistant. Papers will not be accepted in the main Sociology Department office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the main Sociology Department office. The Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place (i.e. outside an instructor's office, the department office etc.) Students who want their final papers returned by mail must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper. Otherwise final papers will be available for pick-up only during the instructor's office hours at the end of this term or at the beginning of the next term.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are available only online.

Safewalk: The University of Calgary provides a "safe walk" service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the "Help" phones located around Campus.

Emergency Evacuations: In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom, please proceed to the assembly point by the Professional Faculties Food Court.