SOCI 210 Classical Social Theorizing

Fully Online



Course Description

SOCI 210 is a fully online, asynchronous course. There are no live sessions. All lectures can be viewed on your own time. Exams will be completed online.

The course examines the emergence of sociology in Europe and America, its founding ideas, and some its early theorists. The main ideas, concepts, and theorists composing the history of European and American sociology are reviewed, as well as the social and historical contexts from which they developed. The course centers on the canonical theories of Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, and Max Weber but also considers the philosophical foundations of classical theorizing and some of the ways that the traditional canon has been expanded.

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Course Delivery Format

SOCI 210 is a fully online, asynchronous course. What this means is that pre-recorded lecture video will be posted each week. Lectures can be viewed on your own time according to your own schedule. The purpose of the lectures is to reflect on and explain aspects of assigned readings for the week.

The online format will benefit students in at least eight ways:

- 1. Pre-recorded videos are concise, clear, and edited with text and images;
- 2. Pre-recorded videos can be viewed 'on demand', based on students' individual schedules;
- 3. Pre-recorded videos can be viewed many times, offering important supports when we encounter challenging material;
- 4. Pre-recorded videos will, in some ways, deal with the challenges students routinely face when they are required to take notes during in-person lectures (and to pay attention for the entire class);
- 5. Pre-recorded videos can be paused and viewed in small segments to meet each student's individual learning needs;
- 6. Pre-recorded videos will ensure that material is not entirely missed when students are absent from class;
- 7. Pre-recorded videos will support students whose first language is not English;
- 8. Pre-recorded videos will support students whose first language is not theoretical.

Evaluation

The evaluation format will likely consist of two midterm examinations, a cumulative final exam, and at least one assignment requiring the application of course material.

Exams will likely consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

Textbook

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Bratton, John and David Denham (2024) *Capitalism and Classical Sociological Theory*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Fourth Edition.

*Students could use the third edition from 2019. We will read Chapters 1-8, 10-13, and 16 from the fourth edition. Chapter 17 is optional.

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