



Beijing Jiaotong University

2019 Summer Session

SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology

Course Outline

Term: July 08-August 09,2019

Class Hours: 8:00-10:00 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: SOC 111

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Class Hours: This course will have 72 class hours, including 40 lecture hours, 10 lecturer office hours, 10-hour TA discussion sessions, 2-hour review sessions, 10-hour extra classes.

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the principles of sociological studies. We will explore the core methods and subfields of sociology. Students will be asked to engage in discussion, qualitative, and quantitative studies and research.

Course Objectives:

Students will improve their writing abilities, critical reasoning, and empirical argumentation. Students will also learn how to form strong academic theses and develop their own independent research.

Required Textbooks:

Charles Lemert. *Social Theory*. Westview Press, 1999.



Grading & Evaluation:

Attendance 10%

Mid-Term 30%

Paper 20%

Final Exam 40%

Grading Scale

A+ (100-97), A (96-93), A- (92-90), B+ (89-87), B (86-83), B- (82-80), C+ (79-77),

C (76-73), C- (72-70), D+ (69-67), D (66-63), D- (62-60), F (below 60).

Course Schedule:

Week 1: **Society and Social Systems**

Day 1 **Labor, Class, and Class Consciousness**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Karl Marx. “Estranged Labor” and “the Fetishism of Commodities.” In Lemert.

Day 2 **Making Cultural Values and Inventing Consumption**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Emile Durkheim. “Anomie and the Modern Division of Labor,” “Sociology and Social Facts,” and “The Cultural Logic of Collective Representations.”

Day 3 **Capitalism and the Transactions of Power**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Max Weber. “The Bureaucratic Machine,” “What Is Politics?,” and “Class, Status, Party.” In Lemert.

Day 4 **Social Psychology, Stress, and Neurosis**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Sigmund Freud. “The Psychical Apparatus and the Theory of Instincts,” “Remembering, Repeating, and Working Through,” and “Civilization and the Individual.” In Lemert.

Week 2 **Identity, Personality, and Social Relationships**

Day 1 **Personality**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) William James. “The Self and the Selves.” In Lemert.



Day 2 **Belonging and Identification**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) W.E.B. Du Bois. In Lemert.
- 2) Charlotte Perkins Gilman. In Lemert.
- 3) Anna Julia Cooper. In Lemert.

Day 3 **Estrangement between the Public and the Private**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Georg Simmel. "The Stranger." In Lemert.
- 2) Charles Horton Cooley. "The Looking-Glass Self." In Lemert.

Day 4 **The Sociology of Choice**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) John Maynard Keynes. In Lemert.

*****Mid-Term Exam*****

Week 3 **Technology, Technocracy, and Structure**

Day 1 **Technology**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Max Horkheimer. "Notes on Science and the Crisis." In Lemert.

Day 2 **Technocracy**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Talcott Parsons. "The Unit Act of Action Systems." In Lemert.
- 2) Karl Mannheim. "The Sociology of Knowledge and Ideology." In Lemert.

Day 3 **Structure**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Robert K. Merton. "Social Structure and Anomie." In Lemert.
- 2) Erich Fromm. "Psychoanalysis and Sociology." In Lemert.

Day 4 **Forming Opinion**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Antonio Gramsci. "Intellectuals and Hegemony." In Lemert.

Final Paper DUE



Week 4 **Sociology of Politics**

Day 1 **Theory and Practice**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Louis Althusser. "Why Theory?". In Lemert.
- 2) Reinhold Niebuhr. "Moral Man and Immoral Society." In Lemert.

Day 2 **Alterity**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Daniel Bell. "The End of Ideology in the West". In Lemert.
- 2) Talcott Parsons. "Sex Roles in the American Kinship System." In Lemert.

Day 3 **Groups and Grouping**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Erik Erikson. "Youth and American Identity." In Lemert.
- 2) Erving Goffman. "On Face-Work." In Lemert.
- 3) Jacques Lacan. "The Eccentric Self and the Discourse of the Other." In Lemert.

Day 4 **Gender**

Assigned Reading:

- 1) Simone de Beauvoir. "Woman as Other." In Lemert.
- 2) Frantz Fanon. "Decolonizing, National Culture, and the Negro Intellectual." In Lemert.

Week 5 **Sociology of the Present**

Day 1 **Global World**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) Immanuel Wallerstein. "The Modern World-System." In Lemert.
- 2) John Kenneth Galbraith. "Change and the Planning System." In Lemert.
- 3) Christopher Lasch. "The Moynihan Report: Rethinking Family." In Lemert.
- 4) Nancy Chodorow. "Gender Personality and the Reproduction of Mothering." In Lemert.

Day 2 **Decentering the West**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) Jacques Derrida. "The Decentering Event in Social Thought." In Lemert.
- 2) Michel Foucault. "Discourse on the West." In Lemert.
- 3) Herbert Marcuse. "Repressive Desublimation." In Lemert.
- 4) Audre Lorde. "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House." In Lemert.

Day 3 **Power**

Assigned Readings:

- 1) Michel Foucault. "Power as Knowledge." In Lemert.

- 2) Andreas Huyssen. “Whither Postmodernism?”. In Lemert.

Day 4

New Formations

Assigned Readings:

- 1) Bill Gates. “The Information Age.” In Lemert.
- 2) Stanley Aronowitz et al.. “The Post-Work Manifesto.” In Lemert.
- 3) William Julius Wilson. “What to Do When Work Disappears?”. In Lemert.
- 4) Stuart Hall. “The Global, the Local, and the Return of Ethnicity.” In Lemert.

*****Final Exam*****