



Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
SOC-202	Classical Sociological Theory	3	III
Year	Discipline		
2	Sociology & Sociocultural Studies		

Objective:

The course provides a review of classical sociological theorists. It focuses on the content and utility of classical theories in terms of understanding social world. While the course provides a general history of sociological theory, the focus remains on examining how classical theories have provided the basis for a better understanding of the character and dynamics of societies around the world.

1. Background

- a. Social Forces
- b. Intellectual Forces
- c. French Revolution
- d. Enlightenment

2. Development of Sociological Theory

- a. Theory and Knowledge
- b. Process of Theorizing
- c. Types of Sociological Theories
- d. Inductive and Deductive
- e. Process of theorizing
- f. Fact, Propositions, and Laws
- g. Sociological Theory between 1600 -1800 AD

3. August Comte

- a. Positivism
- b. The law of Human Progress
- c. Hierarchy of the Sciences
- d. Social Static & Dynamic

4. Emile Durkheim

- a. Rules of Sociological methods
- b. Division of Labour
- c. Social Solidarity
- d. Theory of Religion
- e. Theory of Suicide

5. W. G. Sumner

- a. Folkways and Mores
- b. Ingroup and outgroup
- c. Basic motives

6. Karl Marx

- a. Communist Manifesto
- b. Socialism
- c. Stages of Social Evolution

7. Herbert Spencer

- a. The law of Social Evolution
- b. Concept of Society
- c. Laissez-faire



8. Max Weber

- a. Sociology of Religion
- b. Bureaucracy
- c. Protestant Ethic and the Sprit of Capitalism

Recommended Books:

1. Blalock, Hubert M. (1969). *Theory Construction from Verbal to Mathematical Formulation*. N.J: Prentice Hall Inc.
 2. Bronner, Stephen Erick (2004). *Critical Theory and Society: A Reader*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.
 3. Cooley, C.H. (1962). *Social Organization*. New York: Scribner's Books.
 4. Coser. L A. (1971). *Master of Sociological Thought: Ideas In Historical Social Context*. New York: Harcourt Brace.
 5. Dubin Robert. (1978). *Theory Building*. New York: Macmillan.
 6. Farganis, James. (2000). *Readings in Social Theory: The Classic Tradition to Post-Modernism* 3rd Ed. Boston: McGraw Hill.
 7. Imasheff, N. and G.A. Theoderson, (1976). *Sociological Theory: Its Nature and Growth*. New York: Random House.
 8. John, J. Macionis. (2006.). *Sociology*. 11th ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
 9. Kinloch, Graham C. (1977). *Sociological Theory: Its Development and Major Paradigms* New York: McGraw Hill.
 10. Ritzer, George. (2002). *Sociological Theory* 10th ed. New York: McGraw Hill.
 11. Ross, H. Laurence (1963). *Perspectives on the Social Order*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.
 12. Turner J. H. (1987). *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Homewood Illinois: Dorsey Press.
 13. Waters. Malcolm. (1994). *Modern Sociological Theory*. London: Sage Publications.
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