This course examines capitalism as a cultural manifestation. While most of us take it for granted, capitalism is not a state of nature, nor is it simply about trade in goods. It is, rather, a culture that has been so successful that many of its key aspects are taken to be the unalterable conditions of western industrial society—rather than as socially constructed (and thus alterable) patterns of economic and social relations. This course will provide a broad overview of capitalism’s historical, productive, and ideological aspects, with particular attention paid to how economic issues are integrated with social and political relations.

Note: Students with credit for SOC 299J cannot take this course for further credit.

### PREREQUISITES:
SOC 101.

### COREQUISITES:

### PRE or COREQUISITES:

### SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces: SOC 299J
(b) Cross-listed with: 
(c) Cannot take: for further credit.

### TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 45

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### WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)  
Yes □  No □

### WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)  
Yes □  No □

### TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:  
□ Yes □ No
LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
- Identify the core features and key roles of capitalism
- Explain the historical development and productive dynamics of the culture of capitalism
- Articulate the social and political aspects of the culture of capitalism
- Illustrate the role of the state in the working of capitalism
- Analyze the roots of capitalism’s key problems
- Assess a selected aspect of capitalism in depth

METHODS: (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)
This course is taught using lecture, small group work, small group and in-class discussion, with supplemental audio-visual resources.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):
- Examination(s)
- Portfolio assessment
- Interview(s)
- Other (specify): Methods will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS: [Textbook selection varies by instructor. Examples for this course might be:]
Scott, Bruce. 2009. The Concept of Capitalism. Dordrecht: Springer

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

STUDENT EVALUATION: [An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]
Midterm exam 20%
Research paper proposal 10%
Presentation 10%
Research paper 25%
In-class work 10%
Final exam 25%

COURSE CONTENT: [Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]
Weeks 1-2: Introduction to capitalism as a culture
Week 3: A primer on money
Week 4: The consumer in capitalist society
Week 5: The labourer in capitalist society
Week 6: The capitalist: merchants, industrialists, financiers
Week 7: Midterm exam
Week 8: The role of the nation-state
Weeks 9-10: Global impact: hunger, poverty, and economic development
Weeks 11-12: Problems: environment and consumption
Week 13: Resistance and rebellion: anti-systemic protest and citizen activists