SOC 350

Classical Sociological Thought

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: An explanation of selected works of the 19th or early 20th century sociological theorists.

RATIONALE:

COURSE PREREQUISITES: 45 credits, to include at least 6 credits of sociology

COURSE COREQUISITES:

HOURS PER TERM
FOR EACH STUDENT
Lecture 30 hrs Student Directed Learning hrs
Laboratory hrs
Seminar 30 hrs Other - specify: hrs
Field Experience hrs
TOTAL 60 HRS

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 25

Is transfer credit requested? Yes No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s):
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J. Ballard

PAC: Approval in Principle (Date)
PAC: Final Approval: December 16, 1998 (Date)
SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

(a) replaces ______ N/A ________ (course #)

(b) cannot take ______ N/A ________ for further credit (course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS  (List reading resources elsewhere)

TEXTS:  Anthony Giddens, *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*
        Eugene Kamenka, *The Portable Karl Marx*
        Anthony Giddens, *Emile Durkheim: Selected Writings*
        Gerth and Mills, *From Max Weber*

OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course students will be able to:

1. identify and express the key theoretical problems addressed by Marx, Weber and Durkheim
2. conduct a basic comparison of these ideas.

METHODS:

The course is highly participatory. Students will be responsible for facilitating class discussion and debate related to the readings through small group presentations.

STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

1. Class participation and contribution - (20%) Topics and dates for class presentations will be distributed in class.
2. Three analytic assignments - Questions and guidelines will be distributed in class. Two of these assignments have an "in-class component". (45% - 3 x 15%)
3. Final exam - essay format. 35%
COURSE CONTENT

Course Introduction

Marx - Background and Early Work
Portable Marx:
Critique of Hegel, pp. 115-124
Alienated Labour pp. 131-146
Theses on Feurback, pp. 155-158
Critique on Political Economy pp. 158-161
Introduction xi-xiv
Giddens: 1

Marx - Historical Materialism
Portable Marx:
German Ideology pp. 162-195
Giddens 2&3

Marx - Critique of Capitalism; Political Writings
Portable Marx:
Capital I pp. 432-493
Communist Manifesto pp. 201-217
Wage, Labour and Capital (Reserve)
Giddens 4

In Class Marx Test;
Introduction to Durkheim

Take Home Marx Assignment Due;
Durkheim - Division of Labour

Selected Writings: Introduction, Chapters 5 & 6
Giddens, Chapter 5

Durkheim - Religion
Giddens 7 & 8
"Elementary Forms" - On Reserve

In Class Durkheim Test;
Introduction to Weber

Take Home Durkheim Assignment Due;
Weber - Basic Categories and Concepts
"Fundamental Concepts" - On Reserve
Giddens 9 & 10

Gerth and Mills IV, IX, X
COURSE CONTENT:  (contd.)

Weber - Protestant Ethic
"Protestant Ethic" 2 & 5 - On Reserve
Giddens 11
Gerth and Mills 12

Weber - Religion and Rationalization
Giddens 12
Gerth and Mills XI and XIII

Weber Assignment Due;
Comparative Assessment of Marx, Durkheim and Weber
Giddens 13, 14 & 15

Final Examination