

Sociology 3030

Classical Sociological Theory

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Course Description

This course introduces students to classical social thought and to the lives and ideas of social theorists who lived and wrote in the classical era. In the early years of social science, the ideas covered in this course held an important position in people's understanding of their social world, culture, government, economy, power, social justice, and human nature. The early theorists posed questions they saw pertinent to the social world they lived in during their time, such as how to balance an individual's interests, rights, and responsibilities with those of the social group and how to resolve the contradictory pressures of maintaining social order and effecting social change. While

3. Two midterm take home exams 25% each (50%) of the final grade.
4. Final take home exam25% of the final grade.

Students with Disabilities

Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for

Schedule

DATE	THEORIST	READINGS, PRESENTATIONS, EXAMS
8/31	Introduction of classical theory B Historical background of classical theory; Types of social theory; Current debate on sociological theories.	Chapter 1
9/7	Comte and Spencer	Chapters on Comte and Spencer found on Canvas
9/14	Karl Marx	Chapter 2