

e. There will be some in-class writings and homework; I will collect them each time I assign them. This will count 10% of your final grade.

Final Grade Calculation:

Attendance & leading discussant 15% + presentation 10% + three take-home exams (25%+25%+15%) 65% + in-class writing & homework 10% = 100%

90 - 100	A	87 - 89	A-
84 - 86	B+	80 - 83	B
77 - 79	B-	74 - 76	C+
71 - 73	C	68 - 70	C-
65 - 67	D+	60 - 64	D

III. Text Books

1. **Contemporary Social and Sociological Theory**, by Kenneth Allan.
2. Online (Canvas) Readings in Contemporary Sociological Theory

1. If a student is absent from the class, it is his or her own responsibility to contact other students to get the class notes. The instructor does not give out her own lecture notes to any students.

2. Some sort of sanction will be applied to both students if this incident happens. t.

3. Generally speaking, there is no make-up exam; unless there is a real emergency and a legitimate document is required to present.

4. Students with disabilities or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in room 181 of the Student Service Center. SSD can also

5. **No cell phone call or text messaging is allowed** in class room, make sure you silence your cell phone before class. If I hear your phone ring or catch you text messaging, I will confiscate your phone till the end of the class. If your computer is not used for taking notes, but surfing other internet sites, I will stop you from bringing your computer to the class.

6. **Plagiarizing or any kind of academic cheating behavior** will suffer penalties from the instructor. Each case will be dealt with individually according to the severity of the behavior.

V. COURSE OUTLINE (The following outline is NOT a weekly based schedule. It is only an outline. Each section may last as long as two weeks or more. The professor will announce the progress each week.)

I. Introduction to Contemporary Sociological theories

--- Parsons and the Frankfurt School

Readings: Allan -- Chapter 1&2

II. The Social Situation and its people

--- Symbolic Interaction: Herbert Blumer

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 3

--- Harold Garfinkel

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 4

--- Erving Goffman

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 5

--- Exchange Theory: George Homans, Peter Blau and Randall Collins

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 6

Class Presentations: the reading articles on Canvas

First Midterm Take-Home Exam

III. Social Structures and Inequality

--- Structures of Racial and Gender Inequality: Wilson and Chafets

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 7

--- Class Inequality: Pierre Bourdieu

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 8

--- Global Inequality

Second Midterm Take-Home Exam

IV. Modernity and Postmodernity

--- Jurgen Habermas

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 11

--- Anthony Giddens

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 12

--- Michel Foucault

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 13

--- Jean Baudrillard

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 14

Class Presentations: the reading articles on Canvas

V. Identify Politics

--- Cornel West

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 15

--- Dorothy Smith

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 16

--- Judith Butler

Readings: Allan --- Chapter 17

Class Presentations: the reading articles on Canvas

Third Take-Home Exam

The End of the Semester