

SOC 445: Sociological Theory

Syllabus

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COURSE HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

Soc 201: The Sociological Imagination

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the major theories of society in their classical and contemporary forms. This course is a requirement for the sociology major and an option for the sociology minor. It is a useful elective.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

From the institutional syllabus, the student will:

- Provide systematic overview of fundamental theoretical traditions in sociology
- Compare and contrast classical and contemporary sociological theories
- Illustrate the role of theory in research, investigation, and analysis
- Identify the role of theory in sociology
- Recognize major historical figures in social theory
- Compare and contrast the major theories in sociology
- Apply major theories to modern social issues
- Develop effective writing skills

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to complete all assigned readings and complete the required exam essays and tests. More generally, students are expected to become thoroughly familiar and actively engaged with the ideas and theories studied in this course.

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COURSE MATERIALS:

Required Textbook:

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles, you may go to www.exstudies.adams.edu and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 1167** to order books from the Bookstore site.

RITZER, GEORGE. *CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY AND ITS CLASSICAL ROOTS: THE BASICS, 2E*. MCGRAW-HILL 2007. ISBN-13 9780072997590

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

4 Exams	100 each
1 Research Project	<u>100</u>
Total Points	500

Scale:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% and below	F