

University of Manitoba  
Department of Sociology

**077:456 Advanced Sociological Theory**

SO1 Term 2: January 5 – April 11, 2004  
(Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Room 200Tier)

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Office hours: Thursday 1:00 – 2:00 pm  
Credit hours: 3

**Objectives of the course:**

This course provides a focused examination of selected topics and theoretical perspectives in Sociology. A broad thematic approach will be taken to explore critical questions within the discipline as well as the strengths and weaknesses of various theoretical orientations.

**Required text:**

Turner, Brian. (Ed.) The Blackwell Companion to Social Theory, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Blackwell, Malden, Mass: 2000.

**Course requirements:**

The final grade for the course will be based on the following requirements:

- 1) Participation (10%)
- 2) Critical Questions (20%): due each Friday by 12:00 p.m.
- 3) Seminar Facilitation (10%): as scheduled in class
- 4) Presentation (10%): as scheduled in class
- 5) Essay (50%): due April 20, 2004

More detailed information regarding the course requirements will be provided in class. Students are reminded that this is an honours seminar and will be conducted accordingly. Students are expected to attend all meetings of the seminar and to complete the readings in advance. Participation in the seminar discussions is required (10%). In order to ensure adequate preparation, critical questions (20%) must be submitted in advance of the upcoming meeting. (Friday @ noon). Late submissions will not be accepted without prior arrangements and/or appropriate documentation.

**Students should familiarize themselves with the regulations regarding academic integrity, as plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Please familiarize yourself with the policies in Section 7 on page 29-30 of the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar 2003-04.**

The voluntary withdrawal date for second term half courses is **Wednesday, March 17, 2004.**

**Grade distribution:**

A+ 90-100	B+ 75-84	C+ 65-69	D 50-59
A 85-89	B 70-74	C 60-64	F <50

**Seminar Schedule:**

This is a tentative schedule and may be modified as we proceed. Our progress through the course materials will be monitored to determine whether any changes are appropriate.

**WEEK OF:**

**Jan. 6:** Introduction and overview of the course. Tentative schedule for seminar facilitation and presentation of papers will be organized.

**Jan. 13:** Preliminary considerations  
Readings: Blackwell: Preface and Introduction

**Jan. 20:** Philosophical Questions in Social Theory  
Readings: Blackwell: Part I: chapters 1 and 2

**January 27 – February 3: Actions, Actors and Systems**

**Jan. 27:** Action and Praxis  
Readings: Blackwell Part II: chapters 3 and 4

**Feb. 3:** Psychoanalysis and Structuralism  
Readings: Blackwell Part II: chapters 5 and 6

**Feb. 10:** Social and Cultural Analysis I  
Readings: Blackwell Part III: chapters 7 – 10 inclusive

**February 16–20 Mid-term break: no classes**

**Seminar schedule continued...**

**Feb. 24:** Social and Cultural Analysis II  
Readings: Blackwell Part III: chapters 11 – 13 inclusive

**Mar. 2:** Time and Space  
Blackwell Part IV: chapters 14 and 15

**Mar. 9:** Contemporary Developments  
Blackwell Part V: chapters 16 and 17

**March 16 – March 30: Class presentations**

**Wednesday, March 17: final voluntary withdrawal date.**

**April 6:** Intellectuals and the Public Sphere  
Readings: Blackwell Part VI: chapter 18

**April 20: Final Papers (50%) due no later than 4:30 p.m.**