

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology

Theoretical Foundations
SOC 2220 A01
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Slot 2

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3 credit hours

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Readings:

Emile Durkheim, The Division of Labor in Society, Free Press.
Karl Marx and F. Engels, The Marx-Engels Reader, edited by Robert C. Tucker,
W. W. Norton and Company.
Max Weber, On Charisma and Institution Building, edited by S.N. Eisenstadt,
University of Chicago Press.

Course Objective:

To study from various fundamental works of the sociological tradition.

Class Schedule:

Classes will be divided into three periods: the first five weeks on Marx, then three to four weeks on Werber, and finally three to four weeks on Durkheim.

Assignments:

1. An 1000 word essay on Marx, due October 17th, worth 30% of the final grade.
2. One short essay in the first three weeks of classes on Marx, 600-700 words. The topic will be given out on a Monday to be due on Friday. As the class on the day this essay is due will be dealing with the same topic as the essay submitted, no late papers will be permitted. The essay will count for 20% of the final grade.
3. One essay on Weber and Durkheim (800-900 words) due November 21st. This will count for 30 % of the final grade. The topic will be given out one week before it is due.
4. An essay test on Weber and Durkheim, written in class on December 1st, worth 20 % of the final grade.

GRADING SCALE

Your work is being evaluated on a letter grade system, not on a point system that is converted to a letter grade. The main benchmarks for the grade ranges can be described as follows:

D/F= an answer which is factually weak, faulty analysis, and very poor organization.

C= an answer which is mostly complete in terms of facts but suffers from poor analysis, organization and integration. Knowing the facts is a good start, but only a beginning.

B= answer is factually accurate and mostly complete as well as organized and integrated.

A= answer factually complete, well organized, sophisticated analysis which demonstrates a good degree of comprehension.

No make-up tests or late assignments except for legitimate reasons (e.g., illness as attested by a medical certificate).

Note: Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Personation at Examinations' (Section 4.2.8) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (Section 7.1) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Voluntary Withdrawal Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2008.