

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology

Sociological Theoretical Foundations
SOC 2220 A01
308 Tier Building
Slot 3- M/W/F/ - 10:30 - 11:20 AM

Winter 2015
3 credit hours

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Readings:

Emile Durkheim, Suicide, 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 Durkheim, and finally three to four weeks on Weber.

Assignments:

1. One short essay in the first three weeks of classes on Marx, approx 900 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.
2. A 1200 word essay on Marx, due Monday, February 23rd, worth 30% of the final grade.
The exact topic will be assigned 2 weeks before it is due.
3. One essay test on Durkheim, written in class on Friday, March 13th. 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, written in class on Wednesday, April 8th, 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.

Make-up tests or late assignments except for legitimate reasons (e.g., illness as attested by a medical certificate) will be reduced by one half grade.

Voluntary Withdrawal Date: March 19th, 2015.

Note: Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam personation, ("Personation at Examinations" (Section 5.2.9) and "Plagiarism and cheating" (Section 8.1)) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at <http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/index.html> . Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. At the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.