

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-420 Contempt Sociology Theory

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-420	Contempt Sociology Theory	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	Junior or Senior Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

The course frames cultural and sociological theory within the cultural and intellectual contexts in which they were developed and addresses the practice of theory across disciplinary fields. In terms of contemporary social and cultural theory, the course addresses the cultural vocation of modernity and explores how rationalised power and knowledge has come to frame the post-modern problem of communication and culture. It further examines various post world war II theories in terms of theorising, level of abstraction and translation into researchable hypotheses.

Prerequisites

Junior or Senior Standing

Topic Areas

1. Cultural and Sociological Theories.
2. Rational Choice, Postmodernism and Cultural Theory.
3. Cultural Vocation of Modernity.
4. Weber Ian-Marxist Classical Tradition Revisited.
5. Post-modern Problem of Communication and Culture.
6. Feminist, Structural and Historical Critiques.
7. Social Theories of Post World War II.

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

- Giddens, A. Social Theory and Modern Sociology. (1987): Ritzer, G. Frontiers of Social Theory Stanford.

Recommended Reading

- Goffman, The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life.
- Foucault, M. Madness and Civilization.
- Bourdieu, P. Outline of a Theory of Practice.
- Coleman, James S. Foundations of Social Theory (1990). Harvard
- Giovanni, Arrighi, The Long Twentieth Century. London (1994): Verso
- Seidman, Steven ed. The Postmodern Turn.