

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-510 Social and Cultural Theory

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



| Course Summary | | |
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| Course Code | Course Title | Recommended Credit Hours |
| SOC-510 | Social and Cultural Theory | 5 |
| Semester Offered | Contact Hours | Prerequisites |
| Fall | 42 | |
| Department | Level of Course | Language of Instruction |
| Social Sciences | Upper Division | English |

Course Description

- To understand the practice of social theorising more clearly.
- To be introduced to general schema/frameworks within which to identify particular social theories and their interrelationship.
- To gain an understanding of some recent key 'turning points' in more recent social theory.
- To be introduced to a number of prominent social theorists.
- To be introduced to the key concepts/categories associated with the selected theories/theorists.
- To historicise and critically assess contemporary social theory.

Instructor

Dr David Officer

Course Aims and Objectives

This course provides an overview of the development of modern social theory from its Enlightenment origins and serves as a general introduction to the topic along with more specialised foci on contemporary theorists and theorising. The course establishes the context within which modern social theory emerged and become substantially consolidated by Marx, Weber and Durkheim.

Teaching Methods

Interactive lectures, discussions, group work.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Term Project: 50%

Written Assignments: 30%
Class Participation: 20%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Cuff, C (et al) Perspectives in Sociology, 2001
Ritzer, G Modern Sociological Theory, 2004
 Sociological Theory, 2003
 Contemporary Sociological Theory and its Classical Roots, 2003

Recommended Reading

Adams, B Contemporary Sociological Theory, 2002
Calhoun, C Classical Sociological Theory, 2002
Wallace, R Contemporary Sociological Theory: Expanding the Classical
 Tradition