

Introduction to Sociology  
Professor Chambliss—Fall 2011

Kirner-Johnson 238

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Please call to make appointments.

**Week 1**

Thurs., Aug 25      Overview—Prefaces to SI and 4T

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**Week 2**

Tues., Aug 30      Conflict Theory. pp. 113-114 in 4T.

Thurs., Sept. 1      Age

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**Week 3**

Tues., Sept. 6      Sex/Gender. “Love and Property,” in SI

Thurs., Sept. 8      Levi-Strauss, “Kinship as Sexual Property Exchange,” in 4T

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**Week 4**

Tues., Sept. 13      Religion: “The Sociology of God” in SI; “Social Rituals and Sacred Objects,” in 4T.

Thurs., Sept. 15      Movie: “Triumph of the Will”

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**Week 5**

Tues., Sept. 20      Goffman, “The Nature of Deference and Demeanor,” in 4T

Thurs., Sept. 22      Review

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**Week 6**

Tues., Sept. 27      ORAL EXAM #1

Thurs., Sept. 29      ORAL EXAM #1

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**Week 7**

Tues., Oct. 4      Schelling, “Tacit Coordination,” in 4T. Collins, Violence (handout)

Thurs., Oct. 6      The State. Lenski, “A Theory of Inequality,” pp. 91-93 ONLY, in 4T. Weber, “Bureaucracy,” handout.

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**Week 8**

Tues., Oct. 11      Open

Thurs., Oct. 13      Fall Recess: No Class

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<b>Week 9</b>	Tues., Oct. 18	“Non-Rational Foundations of Rationality,” in <u>SI</u> ; Durkheim, “Precontractual Solidarity,” in <u>4T</u>
	Thurs., Oct. 20	<u>Social Class</u> . “A Conflict Theory of Stratification,” Collins, in <u>4T</u> ; “Paradoxes of Power,” in <u>SI</u> .
<b>Week 10</b>	Tues., Oct. 25	<u>Capitalism</u> . Weber, “Origins of Modern Capitalism,” in <u>4T</u>
	Thurs., Oct. 27	<u>Functionalism</u>
<b>Week 11</b>	Tues., Nov. 1	Collins, “The Political Economy of Culture” (handout)
	Thurs., Nov. 3	Catch-up/Review
<b>Week 12</b>	Tues., Nov. 8	ORAL EXAM #2
	Thurs., Nov. 10	ORAL EXAM #2
<b>Week 13</b>	Tues., Nov. 15	Pollan, pp. 1-81.
	Thurs., Nov. 17	Pollan, remainder of the book.
Thanksgiving Break Nov. 21 – 25		
<b>Week 14</b>	Tues., Nov. 29	<u>The Social Basis of Thought</u> . Marx and Engels, “Materialism and the Theory of Ideology,” in <u>4T</u> .
	Thurs., Dec. 1	
<b>Week 15</b>	Tues., Dec. 6	TBA
	Thurs., Dec. 8	Review and wrap-up.
Dec. 12 – 16		
FINAL EXAM		

There will be three one-on-one oral exams; the first counts 20% of your grade, while the second and third count 40% each. I will give you detailed instructions on how to prepare for these exams. The class will not meet on days when exams are scheduled.

Three books are required for this course:

Collins (ed.), Four Sociological Traditions: Readings (be sure to get the “Readings” volume, not the textbook of the same name); Collins, Sociological Insight (2<sup>nd</sup> edition); and Michael Pollan, In Defense of Food (New York: Penguin, 2008). These are available in the bookstore.