

Sociological Theory (Soc 301W) Spring 2011 – Professor Chambliss
MW 11:00 – 12:15 KJ 236

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>Topic and Readings</u>
1	<u>Jan</u> 17 (M)	Intro to Course – no reading – Intro to Marx
	19 (W)	Marx, <i>The German Ideology</i> , pp. 37-60 (International Publishers)
2	24 (M)	Marx, cont'd, pp. 60-95.
	26 (W)	Marx, "Theses on Feuerbach," pp. 121-123, in <i>The German Ideology</i>
3	31 (M)	Weber, "Class, Status, Party" and "Bureaucracy" (handouts)
	<u>Feb</u> 2 (W)	Weber, "Charismatic Authority" and "The Meaning of Discipline" (handouts)
4	7 (M)	Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic</i> , entire (Routledge Classics)
	9 (W)	Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic</i> , continued
5	14 (M)	Freud, <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i> , entire (Norton <u>newest edition</u> , intro by C. Hitchens)
	16 (W)	Freud, <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i> , continued
6	21 (M)	Simmel, "The Metropolis" (handout)
	23 (W)	Simmel, "The Stranger" (handout)
7	28 (M)	Durkheim, <i>Elementary Forms of Religious Life</i> , Introduction and Chapter One (Definitions) p. 1-44, Chapter 7—Origins of These Beliefs (Conclusion) pp. 207-236, Book Three, Chapter One—"The Negative Cult and Its Functions" pp. 303-330, Book Three, Chapter Five, "The Piacular Rites ...," etc.; and Conclusion (to the book) pp. 392-448 (Free Press, trans. Karen Fields)
	<u>Mar</u> 2 (W)	Durkheim, <i>Elementary Forms</i> , continued
8	7 (M)	Durkheim, "Suicide" (handout)
	9 (W)	Durkheim, "Social Facts" (handout)

<u>Spring Break</u> (March 11 – March 27)		
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9	<u>Mar</u> 28 (M)	Functionalism, “Manifest and Latent Functions,” Merton (handout)
	30 (W)	Davis and Moore, “A Functionalist Theory of Stratification” (handout)
10	<u>Apr</u> 4 (M)	Goffman, <i>Presentation of Self in Everyday Life</i> , entire (Anchor Press)
	6 (W)	Goffman, <i>Presentation of Self</i> , continued
11	11 (M)	Berger and Luckmann, <i>The Social Construction of Reality</i> , entire
	13 (W)	Berger and Luckmann, continued
12	18 (M)	Networks; Granovetter, “The Strength of Weak Ties” (handout)
	20 (W)	Bourdieu, “Cultural Capital” (handout)
13	25 (M)	Conflict Theory; Randall Collins (handout)
	27 (W)	I R Theory; Collins (handout)
14	<u>May</u> 2 (M)	Conclusion; no Readings
	4 (W)	Conclusion; no Readings
	9-13	Exam Week—Final Exam

This course will cover most of the major classic authors and ideas of sociological theory, using two methods: discussion of the readings, and a series of short response papers.

20% of your grade will be based on class participation, that is, on your contribution to everyone’s understanding of the material.

30% of your grade will come from a written final exam covering the course material.

50% of your grade will come from a series of 2-page response papers due on Thursday of each week at noon, to dchambli@hamilton.edu. They will be returned via campus mail, graded with comments, on the following Monday. You must do 6 of these, plus 3 revisions, for 9 grades total. No more than one paper may be submitted each week. We will talk more about this in class.