

Sociology 4301: Sociological Theory



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Office Hours

My office is located in A104B. Hours are:

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Additional Information

All information for this course is available on the Internet at:

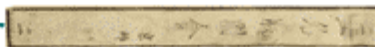
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You will complete exams, track your grades, and receive handouts at the website.

You are required to register immediately at the web site. The registration password is S4301.

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Course Materials

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Texts: Douglas Mann, *A Survey of Modern Social Theory* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

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Course Goals

Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical tradition in sociology, including the historical context of theoretical developments, the cumulative influences of classical theories, and the relevance of social theory today.

Course Policies

ATTENDANCE

Regular class attendance is required and essential to your success in the course. Attendance will be recorded regularly. **Your attendance record may affect your final grade. First, if the final point total is within five points of the cutoff in the grade scale, students who miss no more that one week of class (3 absences in MWF classes; 2 absences in TR or MW classes) will be raised to the next grade level. Second, students who miss more than one month of class (12 absences for MWF classes; 8 absences for TR or MW classes) will be lowered one grade level (30 points).**

HONESTY: Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. The Honor Code demands that students not participate in or condone **plagiarism** among other forms of cheating. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at:

- www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf.

DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities which warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to their being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

GRADING: Grading for this course is based on three major exams which will be presented and completed at the course web site..

Each exam will be worth 100 points. Exam questions will be based on lectures, classroom discussions, and assigned readings. Questions will be given in true/false and essay format. Final grades will be assigned as follows:

300 - 270 = A
269 - 240 = B
239 - 210 = C
209 - 180 = D
179 - 000 = F

Opportunities to earn up to 20 extra credit points will be included in the exams.

EXAM DUE DATES: Each exam has a specified due date that is noted in the syllabus at the course web site. **No exams will be accepted after the assigned due dates. The due dates are final and absolute.**

Sessions:

Origins of Modern Social Theory (Mann 1).

From January 19, 2010 **To** January 26, 2010

Durkheim and Functionalism (Mann 2)

From January 28, 2010 **To** February 04, 2010

Marx and Materialism (Mann 3)

From February 09, 2010 **To** February 16, 2010

Hegel and the Critical Theory Tradition (Mann 4)

From February 18, 2010 **To** February 25, 2010

First Exam.

From February 25, 2010 **To** March 04, 2010

Weber and the Human Agency Tradition (Mann 5)

From March 02, 2010 **To** March 11, 2010

Weber in America: Symbolic Interactionism (Mann 6).

From March 23, 2010 **To** March 30, 2010

[Contemporary Theories: Poststructuralism \(Mann 7\).](#)

From April 01, 2010 **To** April 06, 2010

[Second Exam.](#)

From April 06, 2010 **To** April 13, 2010

[Contemporary Theories: Two Postmodernisms \(Mann 8,9\).](#)

From April 08, 2010 **To** April 15, 2010

[Contemporary Feminism \(Mann 10\)](#)

From April 20, 2010 **To** April 27, 2010

[Contemporary Globalism and Globalization \(Mann 11,12\)](#)

From April 29, 2010 **To** May 06, 2010

[Third Exam \(Due May 13 @ 10:00 a.m.\)](#)

From May 06, 2010 **To** May 13, 2010

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