This tentative outline is based on the assumption that the course will be taught online. The University has not announced plans for the Spring term as of June 2020.

Course Description

SOCI 210 examines the emergence of sociology, its founding ideas, and its early theorists. The main ideas, concepts, and theorists composing the history of sociology are reviewed, as well as the social and historical contexts from which they developed. The course centers on the canonical theories of Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, and Max Weber but also considers the philosophical foundations of classical theorizing and the ways that the traditional canon has been expanded.

Once you register for the course and gain access to the CourseSpaces site, a couple of introductory video clips, as well as the full course schedule, will be available for viewing.

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Format and Evaluation


Readings


Publisher's Prices: $54.95 (paper copy) and $43.95 (eBook)

If you plan to purchase the book through the UVic bookstore, be sure to familiarize yourself with the process [https://www.uvicbookstore.ca/](https://www.uvicbookstore.ca/)

What Students Have Said About This Course

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<td>engaging lectures</td>
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<td>Very well prepared, and although not willing to provide posted copies of the notes— ensured that everything was covered thoroughly in class. I felt that he was sincere in his goal to teach well, and help us do well.</td>
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<td>Came to lectures prepared, enthusiastic about content. Helpful that concepts were repeated a couple times to let them sink in!</td>
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<td>Professor Sean Hier is quite good at making dry, dull, tedious course material somewhat easy and not boring to learn or dig into. I love his teaching style, ways of elaborating profound theories, warm and enthusiastic attitude towards each student; he is so humorous, kind–hearted, friendly, sometimes serious but overall very nice that I want to take his other courses again. Although SOCI 210 is a requirement for the department, the course load is pretty heavy and the materials are hard to chew, in my opinion, Prof Sean did his job unbelievably well and made me not so afraid of this pure theory class. I feel very lucky to meet him and become a student of him. Thank you, Sean!</td>
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<td>he is very passionate about what he is teaching and has a good understanding of the of the subject matter</td>
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<td>He is a good story teller. He is able to take a concept and use relevant examples to make sure that you understand what he is talking about. I learn better through examples and stories so that has been helpful for me. At first I was a little nervous because he does not post his slides online but that is okay... I think.</td>
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**Comments**

Providing a study guide was helpful. His sense of humour helped keep the class awake especially considering the class takes place in the evening when everyone is ready to go home.

He understood the material well, which helped me understand the material well. I could tell he was enthusiastic about the topics while teaching. He also repeated things numerous times in his lectures, which was helpful as students were required to take notes off of what he was saying.

Dr. Hier is extremely knowledgeable in the subject matter and it shows during his lectures that he understands the concepts on a deep level.

Clear, full explanations of the content. For material that on the surface seems very dry, he made it interesting and he is an excellent lecturer.

He was interested in what he was teaching.