

SOCI 210 Classical Social Theorizing

Fully Online



Course Description

SOCI 210 is a fully online, asynchronous course. There are no live sessions. All lectures can be viewed on your own time. Quizzes and exams will be completed online.

The course examines the emergence of sociology in Europe and America, its founding ideas, and some of its early theorists. The main ideas, concepts, and theorists composing the history of European and American 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 some of the ways that the traditional canon has been expanded.

Instructor/Contact Details



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Course Delivery Format

SOCI 210 is a fully online, asynchronous course. What this means is that 5-8 pre-recorded lecture video videos will be posted each week. Lectures can be viewed on your own time according to your own schedule. The purpose of the lectures is to reflect on and explain aspects of assigned readings for the week.

The online format will benefit students in at least eight ways:

1. Pre-recorded videos are concise, clear, and edited with text and images;
2. Pre-recorded videos can be viewed 'on demand', based on students' individual schedules;
3. Pre-recorded videos can be viewed many times, offering important supports when we encounter challenging material;
4. Pre-recorded videos will, in some ways, deal with the challenges students routinely face when they are required to take notes during in-person lectures (and to pay attention for the entire class);
5. Pre-recorded videos can be paused and viewed in small segments to meet each student's individual learning needs;
6. Pre-recorded videos will ensure that material is not entirely missed when students are absent from class;
7. Pre-recorded videos will support students whose first language is not English;
8. Pre-recorded videos will support students whose first language is not theoretical.

Evaluation

Weekly Online Quizzes (64%)

There will be eleven multiple choice/true and false quizzes held on most Fridays throughout the term. Students may write all eleven quizzes but **only eight quizzes will count towards the final grade**. Each quiz is worth 8%.

Quiz Dates:

Quiz 1	January 19, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 2	January 26, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 3	February 2, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 4	February 9, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 5	February 23, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 6	March 1, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 7	March 8, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 8	March 15, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 9	March 22, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 10	March 29, 12:00pm-8:00pm
Quiz 11	April 5, 12:00pm-8:00pm

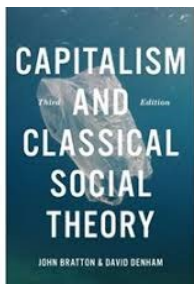
Final Exam (36%)

There will be a final cumulative exam scheduled by the University. The format will be multiple choice/true and false. The final exam will be held online but it **must be written at the time designated by the University**. Final will have 80-100 questions.

Textbook

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Bratton, John and David Denham (2019) *Capitalism and Classical Sociological Theory*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Third Edition.



Publisher's Prices: \$63.00 (paper copy) and \$51.00 (eBook)

*Also Available for rental through Google Play

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What Students Have Said About This Course

Comments
engaging lectures
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.
Came to lectures prepared, enthusiastic about content. Helpful that concepts were repeated a couple times to let them sink in!
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!
he is very passionate about what he is teaching and has a good understanding of the of the subject matter

Comments

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.

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.

passion for subject

He was engaging and made dry, dense topics seem more approachable with good examples and anecdotes. You could tell he is passionate about the subject which made learning more enjoyable.

Sean was very engaged in his lectures. He always had great examples when referring to specific sociologists and theories and he was always enthusiastic.

Professor Hier provides us with his passionate and informative lectures that definitely unfolds the course material in a clear and interesting way. I can get not only relatable, up-to-date examples, but also well-edited videos (e.g., images, key notes and corresponding background setups like books mentioned in each lecture clip) which definitely caught my eyes and helped me to focus more. The online formate is really helpful particularly for this course as I can replay the lecture clips without being lost in the speeding, condensed lectures.

The format of this class is really great. It's my favourite set up yet via online learning. The lectures were really engaging and the weekly quizzes really motivate students to keep up with the work load.

Very responsive to emails

I really like this way of teaching. For a student whose second language is English, the sociology terminology is unfamiliar. The video-recorded instruction allows me to not miss any useful information.

He is really good at breaking down heavy concepts into a format that is easy to understand.

Professor Hier provided a very organized course despite working online. The lectures managed to be captivating, and straight to the point with some fun anecdotes to keep you interested. Complex ideas were explained in an easy to understand way. This was my favorite class this semester.

He was a fantastic prof and was very engaging in his lecture videos.

Very nice guy !! Did his best to make historical information interesting

He was interested in his subject and seemed to enjoy his method of teaching.

Comments

the videos are well made and explain things clearly at good length

- Dr. Hier is highly organized
- The material was uploaded and accessible on-time
- I enjoyed the lecture videos, and the way the course was delivered helped me to fit the course into my own schedule
- I liked how he takes time to summarize what has been explained so far, it helped me to further grasp the concepts we've learned

passion, good examples, engagement.