SOC 101
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I

In this course, we will discuss the works of major late 19th century and early 20th century theorists, their analyses, the methodologies they use and their social prescriptions. How do they study social processes? What are their major findings and arguments? How does the social world work? How can society be improved? We will look at how Marx, Dubois, Weber, and Durkheim have answered these questions in conflicting ways. De Beauvoir’s theorization will bridge this semester and the next.

Class and section discussion will highlight how we might use these theories to think about our own lives and recent events and processes.

Assignments:

You will write two midterm papers (5 pages each) for this course. More specific guidelines about these (take home) papers will follow.

There will be one final in-class exam.

You will also write four (300-word) reading responses (as a part of your section grade).

First paper: Due on October 1
Second paper: Due on November 7
Final exam: in-class on December 18, 8 am

Texts: The reader is available at Copy Central (Telegraph Ave.).

Evaluation:
Paper 1: %25
Paper 2: %25
Final exam: %30
Section participation and reading responses: %20

Academic honesty
Before you embark on any assignment for this course, check the code of academic integrity at http://students.berkeley.edu/uga/conduct.pdf.

The standard penalty for violations of academic integrity in this course will be an F grade for the course.
Written assignments must include complete bibliographies and follow proper citation practices (including page numbers for direct quotes from scholarly texts). Avoid verbatim repetition (or even repetition through slight altering) of the texts we are reading, as much as possible. When you feel you have to use direct quotes, make sure you use quotation marks.

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TEXTS

August 29
Introduction
No readings assigned

MARX AND ENGELS

September 3: Background on Marx and Engels


September 5. Labor and Alienation

September 10-12. Classes and Class Struggle


September 12-17. History and Ideology


**September 17-19. Capitalist Social Relations**


**September 24-26. The Paris Commune**


Film showing

**October 1. Midterm due**

**II. DUBOIS**

**October 3. Racialized Capitalism**


**III. WEBER**

**October 8. Beyond Class**


**October 10. Social Action**


**October 15. Specificity of the West; Religion and Capitalist Stratification**


**October 17. NO CLASS**

**October 22. Calvinism**

October 24. Rationalization; The Iron Cage

October 29. Bureaucracy and Efficiency

October 31. Bureaucracy, Equality, and Democracy

November 5. Politics, Centralization, and Disenchantment

November 7. Midterm due

IV. DURKHEIM

November 12. Mechanical and Organic Solidarity
Durkheim, The division of labor in society, pp. 31-44, 60-64, 68-72, 77-87.

November 14. Causes of Social Change

November 19. Religion and Effervescence
Durkheim, Elementary Forms of Religious Life, pp. 33-44; 207-236.

November 21: NO CLASS

November 26. Rituals; The Future of Religion

November 28. Thanksgiving

V. DE BEAUVIOR

December 3. Male Domination
Beauvoir, The Second Sex, pp. 3-17.

December 5. Women’s Liberation
Beauvoir, The Second Sex, pp. 753-766.