

Sc 215 Social Theory
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BOOKS:

Wallace & Wolf, CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY, 6th ed.

C. Wright Mills, THE SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION

Kurt Finsterbusch. SOURCES: NOTABLE SELECTIONS IN SOCIOLOGY, 3rd Ed.

(Additional readings may be handed out in class from time to time.)

GRADES will be based on four short papers (50%), mid-term (25%), final exam (25%).
Please consult the College Bulletin for general grading standards.

CALENDAR

Have assigned readings and papers ready on dates shown. I reserve the right to make changes in assignments, with due notice.

day	date	topic/activity	assignment
Wed	1/18	Introduction	
Fri	1/20	What Is Theory?	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 1
Mon	1/23	The Sociological Tradition	Mills, ch. 1; Sources, 1.1
Wed	1/25	Emile Durkheim	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 16-24
Fri	1/27	Emile Durkheim	
Mon	1/30	Grand Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 25-44; Mills, ch. 2
Wed	2/1	Functionalism	Sources 5.4 and 7.2
Fri	2/3	Functionalism	Wallace & Wolf pp. 168-169
Mon	2/6	Merton, Middle Range Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 45-57
Wed	2/8	Conflict Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 67-101
Fri	2/10	Max Weber	Sources 2.1 and 6.4
Mon	2/13	Max Weber	PAPER #1 IS DUE
Wed	2/15	Max Weber	Mills, ch. 5
Fri	2/17	Max Weber	Sources, 11.2, 11.3, 16.2
Mon	2/20	Karl Marx	Sources, 7.1
Wed	2/22	Karl Marx	
Fri	2/24	Karl Marx	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 162-165
Mon	2/27	Critical Theory	Mills, chs. 9 and 10;
Wed	3/1	Critical Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 101-120; 174-186; Sources 5.2, 5.3

Fri 3/3 Neo-Marxism
Sources 7.3, 8.1, 8.2, 10.1

Wallace & Wolf, pp. 120-130; 138-157; 165-168

VACATION

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Mon	3/13	Functions of Social Conflict	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 130-138
Wed	3/15	Neo-Functionalism	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 57-66; Sources, 9.1 and 9.2 PAPER #2 IS DUE
Fri	3/17	Exchange Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 7
Mon	3/20	Exchange Theory	Sources 2.3, 6.2 and 15.1
Wed	3/22	Interaction	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 5, pp. 197-247; Sources 2.4
Fri	3/24	Interaction	Sources 3.1 and 3.3 HAND OUT TAKE HOME MID TERM TAKE HOME MID TERM IS DUE
Mon	3/27	Self and Society	Sources 4.1, 4.2, 6.1, 13.2
Wed	3/29	Self and Society	
Fri	3/31	Phenomenology	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 6, pp. 261-267; 285-292; Sources 12.3
Mon	4/3	Feminist Theory	Sources 3.2, 9.3, 9.4, 12.1, 12.2 Wallace & Wolf, pp. 247-260; 292-301
Wed	4/5	Ethnomethodology	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 6, pp. 267-284; Sources 2.5
Fri	4/7	Post-Modern Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch.9, pp. 415-426
Mon	4/10	Post-Modern Theory	PAPER #3 IS DUE
Wed	4/12	Structuration Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 186-195
VACATION			
Wed	4/19	Theory Construction	Mills, ch. 3
Fri	4/21	Theory Construction	Mills, Appendix
Mon	4/24	Theory and Method	Wallace & Wolf, ch 9, pp. 426-437; Mills, ch. 6
Wed	4/26	Theory and Policy	Mills, ch. 4
Fri	4/28	NO CLASS MEETING	
Mon	5/1	Theory and Policy	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 8
Wed	5/3	Final Exam Review	PAPER #4 IS DUE HAND OUT TAKE HOME FINAL

EXAMINATION

FINAL EXAMINATION IS DUE - MONDAY, MAY 10th, 12:30 p.m.

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