

SC 715
Classical Sociological Theory
T/Th: 1:30-3

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Required Texts:

- Karl Marx. *Capital: Volume I*. Penguin 1990.
Ken Morrison. *Marx, Weber, Durkheim: Formations of Modern Social Thought*. Sage. 1995.
Emile Durkheim. *The Division of Labor in Society*. Free Press. 1997.
Emile Durkheim. *The Rules of Sociological Method*. Free Press. 1982.
Jean Bethke Elshtain. *The Jane Adams Reader*. Basic Books.
Robert C. Tucker. *Marx-Engels Reader*. W.W. Norton. 1978.
Max Weber. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. Roxbury. 1998.
W.E.B. DuBois. *On Sociology and the Black Community*. Chicago. 1980.
David L. Lewis. *W.E.B. DuBois: A Reader*. Henry Holt. 1995.

Requirements and grading:

- Paper I: Due Oct. 26 (40%)
Paper II: Due Dec. 12 (40%)
Attendance and participation: 20%

Topic I: What is Sociology?

Sept. 5: Introduction

- K. Morrison. *Formations of Modern Social Thought*. (Chapter I)

Sept. 7:

- E. Durkheim. *The Rules of Sociological Method*. (Chapters 1 &2 and pp. 175-235).
- K. Morrison. *Formations of Modern Social Thought*. (“The Rules of Sociological Method”)

Sept. 12th:

- W.E.B. DuBois. *On Sociology and the Black Community*. (p. 1-111).

Sept. 14th:

- *Marx-Engels Reader*. (p. 146-200)
- K. Morrison. *Formations of Modern Social Thought* (“The Historical Context of Marx’s Work” and “The German Ideology”)

Sept. 19th: Class Cancelled.

Sept. 21st: Class Cancelled.

Sept. 26th:

- M. Weber. "Objectivity in Social Science and Social Policy" (electronic reserve).
- K. Morrison. "Weber's Methodology and Theory of Knowledge in the Social Sciences"

Sept. 28th:

- *Jane Addams Reader*. (Chap. 4, 5, 10)

Topic II: Classical Perspectives on the Development of Capitalism

Oct. 3rd:

- K. Morrison. (Chapter 3 "The Division of Labor In Society")
- E. Durkheim. *The Division of Labor in Society*.
 - Book I: Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6
 - Book II: Chapter 1

Oct 5th:

- K. Morrison. ("Marx's Economic Works")
- K. Marx. *Kapital: Vol. I*.
 - (Chapter 14: "The Division of Labour and Manufacture")
 - (Chapter 26: "The Secret of Primitive Accumulation")
 - (Chapter 31: "The Genesis of the Industrial Capitalist")

Oct. 10th:

- W.E.B. DuBois ("The World and Africa" electronic reserve)

Oct. 12th:

- Max Weber. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.
- K. Morrison. ("Weber's Theoretical Perspective and Fundamental Themes in his Work"; "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism")

Topic III: Classical Critiques of Capitalism

Oct. 17th:

- K. Morrison. ("Durkheim's Study of Suicide")
- E. Durkheim. "Anomic Suicide" (electronic reserve)
- E. Durkheim. *The Division of Labor in Society*.
 - Book III: Chapter 1

Oct. 24th: Class Cancelled. Take time to work on paper.
Oct. 26th: Class Cancelled. Take time to work on paper due on **Oct. 26th**.

Oct. 31st:

- K. Marx. *Kapital: Vol. I* (Chapter 15: “Machinery and Large Scale Industry”)
- *Marx-Engels Reader* (“Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844”)

Nov. 2nd:

- *Jane Addams Reader* (Chapters 6, 7, 10, 11)
- W.E.B. DuBois. *On Sociology and the Black Community* (Chapter II: Community Studies)

Classical Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

Nov. 7th:

- M. Weber. “Economy and Society” (Chapter V: Ethnic Groups) [electronic reserve]
- E. Manasse “Max Weber on Race” [electronic reserve]
- J. Stone. “Race, Ethnicity, and the Weberian Legacy” [electronic reserve]
- E. Durkheim. *The Rules of Sociological Method* (“Debate on the Relationship between Ethnology and Sociology”)
- C. Fenton. “Race, Class, and Politics in the work of Emile Durkheim” [electronic reserve]

Nov. 9th: Class Cancelled

Nov. 14th:

- W.E.B. DuBois. *On Sociology and the Black Community*. (Chapter 13-17)
- *W.E.B DuBois Reader* (“Of Our Spiritual Strivings”)
- *Jane Addams Reader* (Chapters 14, 21, 22)

Nov. 21st:

- *Marx-Engels Reader*. (“On Imperialism in India”)
- K. Marx. *Kapital: Vol. I* (Chapter 33: “The Modern Theory of Colonization”)
- *W.E.B. DuBois Reader*
 - “The Disfranchised Colonies”
 - “Whites in Africa After Negro Autonomy”

Nov. 28th:

- *W.E. B. DuBois Reader*. (Chapter V: “Women’s Rights”)
- *Jane Addams Reader* (Chapters 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31)

Classical Perspectives on Socialism

Nov. 30th:

- *Marx-Engels Reader*. (“The Communist Manifesto”)
- *Jane Addams Reader* (Chapter 6)

Dec. 5th:

- *W.E.B. DuBois Reader*.
 - Chapter X (Labor in Black and White)
 - Chapter XII (Radical Thought: Socialism and Communism)

Dec. 7th:

- R. Connell “Why is Classical Theory Classical” [electronic reserve]
- R. Collins “A Sociological Guilt- Trip” [electronic reserve]

FINAL PAPER DUE DECEMBER 12