

Sc 215 Social Theory
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Tue/Th, 12 p.m., Fall '07.
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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
Tue	9/4	Introduction	
Thu	9/6	What Is Theory?	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 1
Tue	9/11	The Sociological Tradition	Mills, ch. 1; Sources, 1.1
Thu	9/13	Emile Durkheim	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 16-24
Tue	9/18	Grand Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 25-44; Mills, ch. 2
Thu	9/20	Functionalism	Sources 5.4 and 7.2
Tue	9/25	Functionalism	Wallace & Wolf pp. 168-169
		Merton, Middle Range Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 45-57
Thu	9/27	Conflict Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 67-101
Tue	10/2	Max Weber	Sources 2.1 and 6.4; Mills, ch. 5
			PAPER #1 IS DUE
Thu	10/4	Max Weber	Sources, 11.2, 11.3, 16.2
Tue	10/9	Karl Marx	Sources, 7.1
Thu	10/11	Karl Marx	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 162-165
Tue	10/16	Critical Theory	Mills, chs. 9 and 10
Thu	10/18	Critical Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 101-120; 174-186; Sources 5.2, 5.3
			PAPER #2 IS DUE

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Tue	10/23	Neo-Marxism	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 120-130; 138-157; 165-168 Sources 7.3, 8.1, 8.2, 10.1
Thu	10/25	Functions of Social Conflict Neo-Functionalism	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 130-138 Wallace & Wolf, pp. 57-66; Sources, 9.1 and 9.2
Tue	10/30	Exchange Theory	HAND OUT TAKE HOME MID TERM Sources 2.3, 6.2 and 15.1; Wallace & Wolf, ch. 7 Wallace & Wolf, ch. 5, pp. 197-247; Sources 2.4 , 3.1 and 3.3
Thu	11/1	Interaction	
Tue	11/6	Interaction	TAKE HOME MID TERM IS DUE Sources 4.1, 4.2, 6.1, 13.2
Thu	11/8	Self and Society	
Tue	11/13	Phenomenology	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 6, pp. 261-267; 285-292; Sources 12.3
Thu	11/15	Feminist Theory	Sources 3.2, 9.3, 9.4, 12.1, 12.2 Wallace & Wolf, pp. 247-260; 292-301 PAPER #3 IS DUE
Tue	11/20	Ethnomethodology	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 6, pp. 267-284; Sources 2.5

VACATION

Tue	11/27	Post-Modern Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch.9, pp. 415-426
Thu	11/29	Theory Construction	Mills, ch. 3 and Appendix; Wallace & Wolf, pp. 186-195
Tue	12/4	Theory and Method	Wallace & Wolf, ch 9, pp. 426-437; Mills, ch. 6
Thu	12/6	Theory and Policy	Mills, ch. 4; Wallace & Wolf, ch. 8 PAPER #4 IS DUE HAND OUT TAKE HOME FINAL EXAMINATION

**FINAL EXAMINATION IS DUE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 12:00 p.m.
IN MY MAILBOX, 426 McGUINN.**