

Sc 215 Social Theory
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Tue/Th, 4:30-5:45 p.m., F '09.
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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, 4th 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	9/8	Introduction	
Thu	9/10	What Is Theory?	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 1
Tue	9/15	The Sociological Tradition	Mills, ch. 1; Sources, Selection 1
Thu	9/17	Emile Durkheim	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 16-24
Tue	9/22	Grand Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 25-44; Mills, ch. 2
Thu	9/24	Functionalism	Sources, Selections 10 and 14
Tue	9/29	Functionalism	Wallace & Wolf pp. 168-169
		Merton, Middle Range Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 2, pp. 45-57
Thu	10/1	Conflict Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 67-101
Tue	10/6	Max Weber	Sources, Selection 9; Mills, ch. 5;
Thu	10/8	Max Weber	Sources, Selections 16 and 43
			PAPER #1 IS DUE
Tue	10/13	Karl Marx	Sources, Selections 21, 22, 25, 26
Thu	10/15	Karl Marx	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 162-165
Tue	10/20	<i>Special Exercise – Theory and Research</i>	
Thu	10/22	Critical Theory	Mills, chs. 9 and 10
Tue	10/27	Critical Theory	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 101-120; 174-186; Sources, Selections 8 and 9

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Thu	10/29	Neo-Marxism	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 120-130; 138-157; 165-168 Sources, Selections 23, 27, 30
Tue	11/3	Functions of Social Conflict Neo-Functionalism	Wallace & Wolf, pp. 130-138 Wallace & Wolf, pp. 57-66; Sources, Selections 31, 32, 41, 42
Thu	11/5	Exchange Theory	PAPER #2 IS DUE Wallace & Wolf, ch. 7
Tue	11/10	Interaction	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 5, pp. 197-247; HAND OUT TAKE HOME MID TERM
Thu	11/12	Interaction	Sources, Selections 2 and 5
Tue	11/17	Self and Society	Sources, Selection 15 TAKE HOME MID TERM IS DUE
Thu	11/19	Phenomenology	Wallace & Wolf, ch. 6, pp. 261-267; 285-292; Sources, Selection 11 and Special Reading
Tue	11/24	Feminist Theory	Sources, Selections 28 and 36 Wallace & Wolf, pp. 247-260; 292-301 PAPER #3 IS DUE
VACATION			
Tue	12/1	Post-Modern Theory	Wallace & Wolf, ch.9, pp. 415-426
Thu	12/3	Theory Construction	Mills, ch. 3 and Appendix; Wallace & Wolf, pp. 186-195
Tue	12/8	Theory and Method	Wallace & Wolf, ch 9, pp. 426-437; Mills, ch. 6
Thu	12/10	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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 12:30 p.m.
IN MY MAILBOX, 426 McGUINN.**