

Advanced Sociological Theory (S)

Sociology and Anthropology 450

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: This course is intended to be a graduate level survey of several key sociological theorists and theories or schools of thought. Its objectives are (a) to uncover the principal elements of the theories under consideration, and (b) to undertake a critical analysis of them. The range of theorists and theories will largely be determined by what is considered to be central to the current study of sociology, but the outline below can be modified somewhat to reflect the interests of the seminar.

The course will be run as a seminar, not as a series of lectures, and so it rests on the active participation of, and presentations by, its members. Through this discussion, the goal is a critical grasp of the principles of the selected theories, leading to an understanding of the main schools of modern sociology and the directions in which they are moving.

There will be a package of readings that contains the main writings that will form the basis of our reading. It is expected, however, that students will read and consult many other texts for their assignments.

Grading: There are three main assignments for this course: (a) a mid-term paper, (b) a final research paper, and (c) at least two short presentations to the seminar.

a) The mid-term paper will be the analysis of a particular concept. This will be chosen by the student but will be drawn from the course materials. It could, for example, be one of the following: alienation, anomie, class, the family, the Third World, ideology, power, etc., but the list of possible choices is much longer. (10-15 pages: 40%)

b) The final research paper will be on a course-related topic of interest to the student, chosen in consultation with the instructor. (20-25 pages: 60%)

c) The short presentations will not be graded but will be a required part of the course. In other words, they must be completed before a final grade is submitted.

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All the assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned.

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Required Texts: None

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: SA 350, 90 credit hours, a GPA of at least 3.25 and consent of the instructor.

Notes: The course instructor reserves the right to check for plagiarism using software provided by the SFU administration for this purpose.

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