

**Classical Sociological Thought (S)**

Sociology and Anthropology 350

Section: D100

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Place: AQ 5068

Meeting Times: Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Discussion Topics: This course covers the first one hundred years of sociological theorizing from the 1830s to the 1930s. The classical tradition of sociological thought emerged from the writings of leading theorists during that period. Among these theorists are Karl Marx, Max Weber, and Emile Durkheim. The course examines the earliest concepts, theories, and methods of sociology found in the writings of these thinkers. Through a focused reading, critical analysis, in-depth class discussion, historical investigation, and film materials we will compare and contrast their thoughts on the processes of capital accumulation and restructuring of social classes, the organization of state power and political alliances, social inequality, as well as the possibility of social cohesion. Throughout the semester this course will provide a forum to rethink politics and address historical and global dimensions of social change by making connections to today's world and by exploring alternatives to the Euro-centrism often found in these theories.

Grading: 1- Written summaries (due November 27)	30%
2- Class presentation	30%
3- Critical journals (due November 27)	25%
4- Presenting the international news of the week	5%
5- Participation(details will be discussed in class)	10%

All the assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology follows SFU policy in relation to grading practices, grade appeals (Policy T 20.01) and academic dishonesty and misconduct procedures (Policy T 10.03). It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of the content of these

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policies (available on the SFU website under Administration, SFU Policies & Procedures).<sup>1</sup>

Required Texts: 1- Laura Desfor Edles and Scott Appelrouth (2005). *Sociological Theory in the Classical Era: Text and Readings*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

2- Selected Readings (To be purchased)

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

Notes: All students are expected to read and understand SFU's policies with regard to academic dishonesty (T 10.02 and T 10.03). These policies are available at the following web addresses: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-02.htm> and <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-03.htm>.

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