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See 212
Fall 87

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Sociology 212: Social Theory

The course presents an overview of sociological theory as it has developed in a contemporary framework. The class meets twice a week, once for lecture and once for recitation. The two-hour recitation section is required and offers an opportunity for discussion and experiential learning. The requirements of the course include a midterm, a final, and a recitation grade that will be determined by the recitation instructor. The weight for each component of the course is as follows:

Midterm	350 points
Final	350 points
Recitation	300 points
Total	1000 points

Required Texts

Wallace and Wolf, Contemporary Sociological Theory
Reading Packet, available at Campus Copies, Norlin Library

Reading Assignments and Topics

I Functionalism

Jan 20-21 Wallace, 3-27
Jan 26-28 Wallace, 27-52
Feb 3-5 Wallace, 53-72

II Conflict Theory

Feb 9-10 Wallace, 75-103; Reading Packet, "Marxist Method" and "Dialectal Social Science," 200-224.
Feb 16-18 Wallace, 103-119; Reading Packet, "Sociology as Critical Theory," 251-271 and "Critical Theory," 310-319.
Feb 23-25 Wallace, 119-159
March 2-4 Reading Packet, "Contemporary Currents," 16-34; The Marxist System, 479-491.

*Midterm March 9.

III Social Exchange Theory

March 10-11 Wallace 163-182
March 16-18 Wallace 183-216

IV Symboic Interactionism

March 30-April 1 Wallace 219-237
April 6-8 Wallace 238-260

V Ethnomethodology

April 13-14 Wallace, 263-285; Reading Packet, "Ethnomethodology," 381-391

VI Gender Theory

April 20-22 Reading Packet, "Family Structure and
Feminine Personality," 43-87

April 27-May 4 Reading Packet, "Gender and Science,"
75-94

*Final Friday, May 8, 3:30

*Please note there are no make-up exams scheduled for this
class. An authorized medical excuse must be presented for
absences or the missed exam will be graded as F.