

**SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY SOCL 3101 Section 1
SPRING 2019 SYLLABUS & COURSE SCHEDULE**

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Class times: MWF 12:30-1:20
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or by appointment

Course description: (*prereq. SOCL 2001 or equivalent.*) Dominant theorists and schools of thought in sociology.

Textbook: Turner, Jonathan H. (2014). Theoretical Sociology: A concise introduction to twelve sociological theories. Publisher: Sage. ISBN: 9781452203478. LSU Libraries provides a link to an electronic version of this textbook. See the course Moodle page. Other readings will be available online. I will show you how to access them in class.

Attendance: Prompt and regular attendance is expected of all students. You are expected to know what is going on in the class- test dates, due dates of written assignments, etc. "I never come to class so I didn't know we were having a test that day" is NOT a valid excuse for missing an exam. I will check attendance on a regular basis. Attendance will count for 20 points (11.1%) of a student's final grade.

Evaluation & grading: There will be 3 exams in the course, including the final. Each exam will be 45 multiple-choice questions worth one point each. The final will be cumulative, the first two will only cover material presented during that segment of the course. Students will need a small (skinny) scantron for each exam. Exam dates for the first two tests will be announced in class, and you will also be notified through your MyLSU account. Do not ask me to e-mail test or paper grades to you. I have too many students to consider doing that.

BE ON TIME FOR ALL EXAMS. NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO START AN EXAM AFTER THE FIRST STUDENT HAS FINISHED. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE CLASSROOM AND RETURN DURING AN EXAM- So take care of creature comforts before class!

Makeup exams- Makeup exams must be taken within **2 weeks** of the initial exam date. Makeups for the final must be taken by noon Monday, May 6th and require permission from the Dean's Office. **I will expect documentation of your reason for missing any exam.**

Papers: Students will be required to type 5 short (1-2 pages) papers on various topics throughout the semester. They should be double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font. Each paper is worth 5 points. Late papers will be penalized one point for every calendar day they are late. I will not accept e-mailed or hand-written papers. Papers will be assigned in class.

Your overall course grade will be based on the following components:

3 tests x 45 = 135 pts.

5 papers x 5 = 25 pts.

attendance = 20 pts.

Total = 180 pts.

NOTE THAT EXAMS ARE NOT THE ONLY FACTOR IN YOUR FINAL GRADE.

(over for grading scale)

GRADING SCALE

175-180 pts = 97-100% = A+	139-143 pts = 77-79.4% = C+	less than 108 pts = F
168-174 pts = 93-96.7% = A	132-138 pts = 73-76.7% = C	
162-167 pts = 90-92.8% = A-	126-131 pts = 70-72.8% = C-	
157-161 pts = 87-89.4% = B+	121-125 pts = 67-69.4% = D+	
150-156 pts = 83-86.7% = B	114-120 pts = 63-66.7% = D	
144-149 pts = 80-82.8% = B-	108-113 pts = 60-62.8% = D-	

CHEATING includes aiding or receiving aid from any else on exams or assignments; using notes, answer keys, or other materials when taking exams; or in any way presenting someone else's work as your own. That includes plagiarizing websites. Cheating also includes failure to follow test rules. Any student caught cheating can receive zero credit on the test or assignment involved, an F in the course, and be turned over to the Office of Student Advocacy & Accountability for disciplinary action. That action may include disciplinary probation, community service, and possible expulsion from the university. For athletes, it will also mean a loss of NCAA eligibility.

COURSE SCHEDULE (tentative and subject to change)

Important dates:

Final day to drop without receiving a W- Thursday, January 17 at 4:30 pm.

Final day to add- Friday, January 18 at 4:30 pm.

Final day to drop with a W- Friday, March 22 at 4:30 pm.

Monday, January 21- Martin Luther King Day- No class.

March 4-6- Mardi Gras- No class.

April 13-21- Spring Break- No class.

Official Final Exam Time: BE ON TIME!

Thursday, May 2nd @ 8:00- 9.30 AM in Williams Hall 215.

TOPICS:

Exam 1 textbook readings:*

Chapter 1- Theoretical sociology

Chapter 11- Stage-model theorizing

Chapter 3- Conflict theory

Chapter 2- Functional theorizing

Exam 2 textbook readings:*

Chapter 6- Symbolic Interactionism (also see "behaviorism"- pp. 74-78)

Chapter 7- Dramaturgy

----- - Phenomenology & ethnomethodology (no textbook readings)

Exam 3 textbook readings:*

Chapter 5- Exchange Theory

Chapter 10- Critical Theory

Chapter 12- Biological theorizing

Other topics as times allows, readings TBA

*Outside readings will be assigned in class.