

**CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
SOCIOLOGY 375
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Prerequisites: No

General Education: Upper Division Category D1 (Individual and Society)

Class Description & Objectives:

This class is designed to introduce the canonical writings of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Freud and Goffman. We will explore the major themes of their foundational texts (e.g., labor and capital, social differentiation and integration, action and authority, the psyche and Oedipal complex and interaction and performance). Further, we will situate these texts within the social contexts in which they were written in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We will keep an eye toward comparing their visions of agency and structure, domination and liberation as well as the foundational categories (e.g., Marx's concept of labor) each uses in theorizing the individual, society and history. Finally, we will discuss their role in sociological theory today and the value of the "classics" in general.

The class format, while including lectures and presentations, will focus on collaborative, interactive learning. Students will work together in small groups on discussions.

Required Texts: (To Be Announced)

Evaluation:

Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Memos	20%
Presentation	10%
Participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%