

Harvey, David. 2007. "Neoliberalism as Creative Destruction." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 610:22-44.

Other Readings: TBA.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Critical Papers (2-3 pages each):

Essay on Marx	10%	Sept 16
Essay on Weber	10%	Sept 30
Essay on Foucault	10%	Oct 21
Essay on Smith	10%	Oct 28
Essay on Fraser	10%	Nov 18
Essay on Harvey	10%	Nov 23
Essay on Beck	10%	Dec 2
Final Test (take home essay)	20%	Dec. 10, 2009 (by 5pm in my office)
Attendance/Participation	10%	
Total	100%	

Critical Papers: There are 7 critical paper assignments in this course. In each one, you will critically evaluate a social theorist in a short, double-spaced essay of about 2 to 3 pages. More information will be provided in class. You are encouraged to read secondary and/or primary sources not found on this syllabus. I also encourage you to speak with me during my office hours.

Final Exam: The final exam for this course is a "take home" exam. You are required to write a comprehensive answer to a single essay question which will be provided on the last day of class (December 4th). In your answer, you must demonstrate a solid knowledge of the course readings, lectures, and discussions, etc. More information will be provided in class. Your exam answer must be submitted to me in my office by 5pm on December 10th, 2009.

Attendance: Throughout the course, I will have "spot" attendance checks. If you are not in class during one of these checks, you may provide documentation (e.g., doctor's note) explaining your nonattendance. The only way to get full points is by being in class!

Participation: You are required to participate in all class and small group discussions to the best of your ability. You will be evaluated according to the usefulness of your contribution as well as on how diplomatically you treat your fellow students (and me). Moreover, if you submit shoddy work, you will not be deemed to be participating to the best of your ability.

NOTE: If you miss more than one attendance check, you will receive 0/10 for attendance.

NOTE: If you do not complete all course work (essays, reading summaries, final test) you will receive 0/10 on your attendance score.

Grading:

100-93	=	A
90-92	=	A-
87-89	=	B+
83-86	=	B
80-82	=	B-
77-79	=	C+
73-76	=	C
70-72	=	C-
67-69	=	D+
63-66	=	D
60-62	=	D-
59-below	=	F

Assignments: All assignments must be typed; handwritten assignments will not be accepted and will receive a grade of zero.

Make Up Tests, Late Assignments, and Extensions: Upon receipt of valid documentation, a make up test will be held for those students who were unable to write a test. Late papers are only accepted upon receipt of valid documentation (e.g. illness = medical note from a physician).

All documentation must be submitted within one week of the missed exam, unless this is impossible.

Since all due dates of assignments are known well in advance, I expect each student to organize her/his time to complete the assignments when due. If you are experiencing difficulties in the class, please see me in advance of the due date for an extension on an assignment.

Email communication: Please do not send multiple emails within a 24 hour period. I will answer emails as quickly as possible, but in some instances you may have to wait a day or so. When sending an email, please ensure that all your questions or concerns are addressed in a single message.

Office Hours: Any student who needs to speak with me in person must make every reasonable effort to attend my office hours. Office hours are not be used to gather information about missed lectures. If you miss a lecture, please speak with students who were in attendance about course content.

STUDENT DISABILITY NOTICE

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring academic adjustments, accommodations or auxiliary aids will need to contact the Southern Utah University Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), in Room 205C of the Sharwan Smith Center or phone (435) 865-8022. SSD determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by Student Services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, and the intellectual property policy, for information about procedures and about what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Week One: Aug 24, 26, 28

Introduction, pp. xi-xv

Introduction to Part I, pp. 3-4

Chapter One: The Idea of Society: The Enlightenment & Comte, pp. 5-15

Week Two: Aug 31, Sept 2, 4

Chapter Two: The Revolutionary Theory of Karl Marx, pp. 16-29.

Week Three: Sept 9, 11

Chapter Two: The Revolutionary Theory of Karl Marx, pp. 16-29.

Week Four: Sept 14, 16, 18

Chapter Three: The Promise of Sociology: Durkheim, pp. 30-41

Critical Paper on Marx is due Sept 16

Week Five: Sept 21, 23, 25

Chapter Four: The Ironic Social Theory of Max Weber, pp. 42-54

Afterward, pp.55-57

Week Six: Sept 28, 30, Oct 2

Introduction to Part III, pp. 113-114

Chapter Eight: The Critical Theory of Jurgen Habermas, pp. 115-127

Afterward, pp. 148-149

Critical Paper on Weber is due Sept 30th

Week Seven: Oct 5, 7, 9

Introduction to Part IV, pp. 153-154
Chapter Eleven: The Postmodern World of Derrida, Lyotard, and Baudrillard, pp. 155-170

Week Eight: Oct 12, 14, 16

Chapter Twelve: Foucault's Disciplinary Society, pp. 171-183.

Week Nine: Oct 21, 23

Chapter Thirteen: Bauman's Sociology of Postmodernity, pp. 184-192
Afterward, pp. 193-195.

Critical Paper on Foucault is due Oct 21

Week Ten: Oct 26, 28, 30

Introduction, pp. 199-200
Chapter Fourteen, Feminist Theory, pp. 201-221.
Dorothy Smith, readings TBA

Week Eleven: Nov 2, 4, 6

Chapter Fifteen, Critical Race Theory, pp. 222-234
Chapter Sixteen, LGBTQ Theory, pp.235-249.
Afterward, pp. 259-261

Critical Essay on Smith is Due Oct 28

Week Twelve: Nov 9, 11, 13

Fraser, Nancy. 1995. "From Redistribution to Recognition: Dilemmas of Justice in a "Post-Socialist" Age." *New Left Review*. 1/212(July-August): 68-93.

Week Thirteen: Nov 16, 18, 20

Chapter Twenty: Harvey, pp. 289-292

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Critical Paper on Fraser is due Nov 18

Week Fourteen Nov 23

Beck, Ulrich. 2002. "The Terrorist Threat: World Risk Society Revisited." *Theory, Culture and Society*. 19(4): 39-55.

Critical Paper on Harvey is due Nov 23

Week Fifteen:

Nov 30, Dec 2, 4

Chapter 17, Colonial Discourse Studies, pp. 250-258.

Other readings, TBA

Critical Paper on Beck is due Dec 2nd

DISCLAIMER:

Information contained in this syllabus, other than the grading, late assignments, makeup work, and attendance policies, may be subject to change with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.