

Sociology 182, Political Sociology Syllabus

Spring 2004

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 to 3:15 PM at Haines Hall A2

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Welcome to Sociology 182, Political Sociology. The course will explore both classic and contemporary theories and conceptualizations of state and civil society. The first part of the course will cover classic theories and contemporary versions of contemporary theories of state, class and politics, primarily in America. The second half of the class will cover contemporary theoretical challenges to classical theory, including theories of globalization, identity politics, new conceptions of power, citizenship, and political culture. The course will conclude with considerations of trends and possible future directions of governance, democracy, and political culture. The midterm and final will ask the student to compare, contrast and argue positions from the theories and viewpoints considered.

Course requirements: Two papers, a midterm and final. The midterm is worth 40% of the final grade and the final is worth 60%.

Required Texts

Faulks, Keith *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction* (New York, NY: New York University Press, 2000).

Nash, Kate (ed.) *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2000).

Orum, Anthony *Introduction to Political Sociology* Fourth Edition (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2001).

Reading Assignments Classic Political Sociology

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| April 6 | Introduction |
| April 8 | Concepts and Foundations
1. Orum, <i>Introduction to Political Sociology</i> , pp. 1-7.
2. Faulks, <i>Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction</i> , pp. 1-31. |
| April 13 | Economy and the State: Marx and Neo-Marxists
1. Orum, <i>Introduction to Political Sociology</i> , pp. 8-37.
2. Faulks, <i>Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction</i> , pp. 31-39. |
| April 15 | State and Society: Max Weber and the Neo-Weberians
1. Orum, <i>Introduction to Political Sociology</i> , pp. 38-63. |
| April 20 | Civil Society and Politics: Durkheim and de Tocqueville
1. Orum, <i>Introduction to Political Sociology</i> , pp. 64-90.
2. Faulks, <i>Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction</i> , pp. 39-50. |
| April 22 | Basic Forms of Political Rule
1. Orum, <i>Introduction to Political Sociology</i> , pp. 91-111 |

April 27 Power and Equality in America
1. Orum, *Introduction to Political Sociology*, pp. 112-146.

April 29 Contemporary Urban Power and Politics
1. Orum, *Introduction to Political Sociology*, pp. 147-174.

May 4 Discussion and Review for Midterm Paper

Midterm Paper Due May 6th.

Contemporary Theories of State and Civil Society

May 6 Contemporary Political Parties
1. Orum, *Introduction to Political Sociology*, pp. 175-209.

May 11 Globalization
1. Faulks, *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*, pp. 53-70.
2. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. 63-82.

May 13 Globalization: Social Revolutions, Cultural Identity, and Cultural Economy
1. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. 83-122.

May 18 Neo-Liberalism and Reconceptualization of Power
1. Faulks, *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*, pp. 71-86.
2. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. x-xiv, 1-62.

May 20 New Social Movements
1. Faulks, *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*, pp. 87-106.
2. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. 123-154.

May 25 New Social Movements
1. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. 155-202.

May 27 Conventional Citizenship and Political Inclusion
1. Orum, *Introduction to Political Sociology*, pp. 210-243.

June 1 Challenges to Civil Society
1. Faulks, *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*, pp. 107-164

June 3 Citizenship, Exclusion and Difference
1. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. 203-263.

Rethinking Governance

June 8 Building Nation States
1. Orum, *Introduction to Political Sociology*, pp. 244-279.
2. Nash, *Readings in Contemporary Political Sociology*, pp. 295-309.

June 10 Discussion and Review of Final Paper
1. Faulks, *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*, pp. 165-216.

Final Paper Due by 5:00 PM on Friday June 18 at 292 Haines Hall.