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## Social Theory: AS 275 Fall 1998

### Course Statement

This course aims to prepare you for upper-division course work in anthropology and sociology by examining the key contributions to anthropological and sociological theory. Seminar meetings will be a combination of lecture and discussion.

The seminar will integrate anthropological and sociological insights thematically in order to explore key areas of social theory such as structural-functionalism, Marxist and conflict theory, phenomenology and hermeneutics, and postmodernism. We will read excerpts from primary works in order to study the style and cultural positioning of key thinkers. You will be asked to bring questions to each seminar that you develop based on your reading and personal analysis. These questions will allow us to have pointed discussions following brief lectures on the thinkers and works in question.

In addition to our Tuesday and Thursday meetings we will also meet on four occasions during the semester to discuss course material in more detail. Prior to these meetings, which will be held on Monday evenings from 5-7pm, you will prepare an 8-10 page essay in response to an assigned question. These meetings will give each of you an opportunity to discuss your essays and relate them to the material we have been studying.

### Grading

Paper #1 .....	20%
Paper #2 .....	20%
Paper #3 .....	20%
Paper #4 .....	20%
Class Participation .....	20%

Thurs	8/26	Introduction to Course	
Tues Marx)	8/31	Theory and society	(Kamenka's introduction to
Thurs	9/2	Theory and culture	(Borofsky, Morgan, Boas)
Tues Method;  Life	9/7	Durkheim	(excerpt from The Rules of Sociological and the Introduction to Elementary Forms of the Religious
Thurs	9/9	Durkheim	(The Principal Totemic Rules and The Origins of These Rules (from Elementary Forms)
Tues of	9/14	Durkheim and functionalist Sociology	(The Social Element Suicide from Suicide and Merton)
Thurs	9/16	Mauss	
Tues	9/21	Mauss	
Thurs	9/23	Structural Functionalism	(Malinowski, Evans-Pritchard)
* Mon *	9/27	Paper #1 is due/discussion	5-7pm
Tues	9/28	Marx	(pp. 131-195 in the Portable Marx)
Thurs	9/30	Marx	(pp. 203-228; 395-416 in the Portable Marx)
Tues	10/5	Marx and the Frankfurt School	(Adorno and Horkheimer)
Thurs	10/7	Taussig	The Devil (Part 1)
Tues	10/12	Taussig (cont.)	The Devil (Part 2)

Thurs 10/14	Taussig (cont.)	The Devil (Part 3)
Tues	10/19	Fall Break
Thurs	10/21	Seminar does not meet, Drs. Ekstrom and McGowan on field trip to Chaco Canyon
* Mon *	10/25	Paper #2 is due/discussion 5-7pm
Tues	10/26	Protestant Ethic (pp. 13-92 in The Protestant Ethic)
Thurs	10/28	Protestant Ethic (pp. 95-183)
Tuesday	11/2	Mead and Symbolic Interactionism (Mead, Cooley)
Thurs Strauss)	11/4	Levi-Strauss: Structure and Reciprocity Revisited (Levi-
Tues	11/9	Geertz: Thickness and Culture (Tylor, Geertz)
Thurs	11/11	Culture: Its Invention and Creation (Wagner)
* Mon *	11/15	Paper #3 is due/discussion 5-7pm
Tues	11/16	Phenomenology and Social Theory (Brockelman, McGowan)
Thurs	11/18	Phenomenology and postmodernism (Foucault, Butler)
Tues	11/23	Postmodernist in practice (Ryan)
Thurs	11/25	Thanksgiving recess
Tues Jackson)	11/30	The postmodern dilemma in anthropology (pp. 1-124 in
Thurs	12/2	The postmodern dilemma in anthropology (pp. 124-208)
* Mon *	12/6	Paper #4 is due/discussion 5-7pm
Tues	12/7	Conclusion of seminar