

University of Toronto - Department of Sociology
Classical Sociological Theory I (SOC201H1F)
Summer 2014
Instructor: Professor I.M. Zeitlin

Time: MW 6-8

Location: SS2118

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SOC201H is based on the classical tradition of sociological thinking. We call the tradition "classical" because it has stood the test of time, by raising the key issues in the human condition and by providing fruitful, conceptual tools with which to address those issues. This course combines a selective introduction to early principles of political philosophy with those of classical sociological writings which, together, have contributed to the intellectual foundation of the discipline of sociology.

RESTRICTIONS AND PREREQUISITES: The prerequisite to take this SOC201H is SOC101Y1 or both SOC102H1 + SOC103H1. Students without this prerequisite will be removed at any time discovered, and without notice.

REQUIRED TEXTS (available at the University of Toronto Bookstore):

1. Irving M. Zeitlin, *Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory*, 7th Edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall.
2. Irving M. Zeitlin. *Rulers and Ruled*. University of Toronto Press.

EVALUATION:

The final grade will be based on two in-class tests and one position paper. These tests will consist of definitions, short answers, and short essay-type answers to questions on lectures and key ideas of each chapter. Tests will focus primarily on lectures and readings covered in each preceding section of the course, however, they may also be cumulative. Further details on the requirement for the position paper will be provided in lecture.

Test 1 (May 28)	40 %
Position paper 1 (due June 11).....	35 %
Test 2 (June 18).....	25 %
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ATTENDANCE:

Responsibility for attendance at lecture and all course material rests with students. This includes what the Professor says in lecture, administrative announcements, and course readings. The Professor will be engaging with many ideas, concepts, and theories complementary to, but not covered in, the text. Thus, it is important for students to attend all lectures in addition to completing all readings. Students are encouraged to find a "buddy" in class with whom they can share notes should they miss lecture. All course material may be on tests.

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS: The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations or have any accessibility concerns, please visit <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility> as soon as possible.

WEEKLY REQUIRED READINGS:

Responsibility for completing the weekly readings rests with the student.

Week 1.

- *Rulers & Ruled* - Chapter 1: “Plato”
- *Rulers & Ruled* - Chapter 2: “Aristotle”
- *Ideology* - Chapter 1: “The Enlightenment: Philosophical Foundations”

Week 2

- *Rulers & Ruled* - Chapter 3: “Machiavelli”
- *Rulers & Ruled* - Chapter 4: “Thomas Hobbes”
- *Ideology*: Chapter 2: “Montesquieu”

No Class on Monday, May 19 - Victoria Day, University Closed

Week 3

- Chapter 3: “Rousseau”
- Chapter 4: “Perfectability through Education: Rousseau's *Emile* and *Sophy*”
- Chapter 5: “Mary Wollstonecraft”

May 28 - TEST 1

Week 4

- Chapter 6: “The Romantic-Conservative Reaction”
- Chapter 7: “Bonald and Maistre”
- Chapter 8: “Saint-Simon”

Week 5

- Chapter 9: “Auguste Comte”
- Chapter 10: “Alexis de Tocqueville”

June 11 - Short Assignment Due

Week 6

- Chapter 11: “Harriet Martineau”
- Chapter 12: “Harriet Taylor and John Stuart Mill”

June 18 - TEST 2

DEADLINES

Work is due at the start of class on the due date. **Late work will never be accepted without proper documentation from a student's physician or college registrar (see below).**

COMMUNICATION

Students cannot submit their work by fax, email, or to the receptionist at the Department of Sociology. Emails should be sent to your TA, not the professor.

TEACHING ASSISTANT SUPPORT:

The teaching assistant is available via e-mail to answer any questions/concerns students may have regarding course material. Please be judicious in your use of email. Before sending a question by email, be sure to check the course syllabus to see if an answer is already available. Emails should not be seen as an alternative to doing the assigned readings or attending lectures. The TA will not provide answers pertaining to content/announcements made in class. Expect to receive a response from the TA within 24 hours during regular working hours (MF 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.). Additionally, the TA may be available to meet by appointment should students' require further assistance. Appointments must be made *no less* than 2 business days in advance. Should the request for appointments be substantial, office hours will be held with the times announced in advance in class.

MAKE-UP TESTS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Students who miss a test/assignment due date will receive a mark of zero for that test/assignment unless reasons beyond their control prevent them from taking the test or submitting work on time. **Within three days** of the missed test or assignment, students who wish to write the make-up test or submit their assignment late must give the Professor, the TA, or the Undergraduate Advisor in the Sociology Department a written request for special consideration which explains why the test/due date was missed, accompanied by **proper documentation from a physician or college registrar** (see below). A request should be accompanied by contact information (the student's telephone number and email address) so the date, time and place of the make-up test can be communicated to the student. A student who misses a test and the subsequent make-up test for a valid reason will not have a third chance to take the test. Instead, the grade assigned for the missed test will be the same as the grade the student earns for the other test in this course.

DOCUMENTATION FROM YOUR PHYSICIAN OR COLLEGE REGISTRAR

If you miss a test or a paper deadline, **do not** contact the instructor or TA unless you have followed the steps described here. Telling the professor or TA why you missed a deadline or a test probably will not help.

- In case of **illness**, you must supply a duly completed Verification of Student Illness or Injury form (available at www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca). A doctor's note is not acceptable.
- If a **personal or family crisis** prevents you from meeting a deadline, you must get a letter from your college registrar (it is a good idea anyway to advise your college registrar if a crisis is interfering with your studies).

Place your supporting documentation in a **sealed envelope addressed to Professor Zeitlin**. Submit this envelope along with your work at a class lecture, to your TA during their office hours, or using the drop box for second-year courses in room 225 at 725 Spadina Avenue (if using the drop box, please send your TA an email message to notify them).

PLAGIARISM

Cheating and misrepresentation will not be tolerated. Students who commit an academic offense face serious penalties. Avoid plagiarism by citing properly: practices acceptable in high school may prove unacceptable in university. Know where you stand by reading the “Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters” in the Calendar of the Faculty of Arts and Science. Also, be aware that submitting the same work for more than one course or assignment constitutes an academic offense. Similarly, students who fail to demonstrate adequate referencing in accordance with UofT policies are also at risk of committing an academic offense. Familiarize yourself with an acceptable referencing style (APA/ASA). Please carefully review the University of Toronto document: “How Not to Plagiarize” <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>.