





Sociology (SOCI) 337

Modern Sociological Theory in the 20th Century: The Age of Grand Theory (Revision 6)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode:

Individualized study online  with eText 

Credits:

3

Areas of study:

Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites:

SOCI 287 or **SOCI 288** is strongly recommended.

Precluded:

None

Challenge:

SOCI 337 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty:

[Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 



Overview

SOCI 337 is designed for students who have already taken introductory courses in sociology and who are, therefore, familiar with some of the basic concepts and methods of sociology. This course introduces students to a range of different theoretical perspectives that have together influenced the development of modern sociology.

Outline

- Unit 1: Historical Background
- Unit 2: Functionalism, Systems Theory, and Conflict Theory
- Unit 3: Neo-Marxism
- Unit 4: Symbolic Interactionism
- Unit 5: Ethnomethodology
- Unit 6: Exchange, Network, and Rational-Choice Theories
- Unit 7: Feminism
- Unit 8: Theoretical Issues
- Unit 9: Modernity
- Unit 10: Post-Colonial and Critical Race Theory
- Unit 11: Globalization
- Unit 12: Postmodernity
- Epilogue: Twenty-First-Century Social Theory

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for SOCI 337, students must achieve a course composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  and a grade of at least 60 percent on the final examination. The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:


Activity	Weight
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3 Written Assignments (20% each)	60%
Mid-Course Test	10%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%


The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#) section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#).

Materials

Ritzer, George. 2010. *Enchanting a Disenchanted World: Continuity and Change in the Cathedrals of Consumption*. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.  (eText)

Ritzer, George, and Jeffrey Stepnisky. 2021. *Modern Sociological Theory*. 9th ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.  (eText)

Goffman, Erving. 1959. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*. New York: Doubleday.  (Print)

eTexts

Registration in this course includes electronic textbooks. For more information on [electronic textbooks](#), please refer to our [eText Initiative site](#).

Other material

All other course materials, including a Course Information, Study Guide, and required readings, are available online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [challenge for credit](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To [receive credit](#) for the SOCI 337 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **C- (60 percent)** on the challenge examination. The two parts of the exam must be written on the same day.

 [Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

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