

# Bemidji State University

## SOC 3010: Social Explorations: Classic and Contemporary Sociological Theory

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: \*.\*

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

In this class we will explore classic and contemporary sociological theories. We will begin by examining Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Georg Simmel, and W.E.B. Du Bois, and then move toward more contemporary understandings about culture and society as discussed by symbolic interactionism, feminist theory and poststructuralism. The class is designed to help students understand how theorists think about structures and individuals, how historical time periods and intellectual environments shape theoretical understandings, and how theoretical discussions inform social research. Although much of the material in this class is designed to help students understand theory, another goal of the course is to help students critique existing theories and actually *do theory*. Prerequisites: SOC 1104 or consent of instructor.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 01/12/2020 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Classic sociological theory including social psychology and contemporary sociological theory.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. classify theoretical concepts
2. compare and contrast ideas from classical scholars with those presented by contemporary scholars.
3. construct basic theoretical statements using supporting documentation.
4. critique theoretical interpretations.
5. synthesize key themes from various viewpoints
6. use theoretical understandings to interpret social situations.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted