

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS
NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

DATE NOVEMBER 2, 2006
PROGRAM AREA SOCIOLOGY

1. Catalog Description of the Course. *[Follow accepted catalog format.]*

Prefix SOC Course# 421 Title CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY Units (3)

3 hours lecture per week

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☒ Prerequisites Soc 100, SOC 201, SOC 202, SOC 420

☐ Corequisites

Description Modern sociological paradigms from the 1960s forward to the present period including Marxism, neoMarxist modern theory, critical theory, symbolic interaction, rational choice, feminist theories and theories on modernity and post-modernity.

☐ Gen Ed

Graded

☐ CR/NC

☐ Repeatable for up to units

Categories

☐ Lab Fee Required

☒ A - F

Total Completions Allowed

☐ Optional (Student's choice)

☐ Multiple Enrollment in same semester

2. Mode of Instruction.

	Units	Hours per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment	Graded Component	CS # (filled in by Dean)
Lecture	3	1	25	☒	
Seminar				☐	
Laboratory				☐	
Activity				☐	

3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) *[Use as much space as necessary]*

This is a required course in the Sociology major. It continues the trajectory of sociological theory begun in Sociology 420.

Learning Objectives. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Identify key contemporary thinkers and their ideas in each of the major emerging paradigms in sociology;
- 2) Articulate and apply contemporary sociological use and theory ;
- 3) Demonstrate and communicate knowledge of contemporary theory in sociology,

4. Is this a General Education Course YES ☐ NO ☒

If Yes, indicate GE category and attach GE Criteria Form:

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)

A-1 Oral Communication ☐

A-2 English Writing ☐

A-3 Critical Thinking ☐

B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)

B-1 Physical Sciences ☐

B-2 Life Sciences – Biology ☐

B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications ☐

B-4 Computers and Information Technology ☐

C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)

C-1 Art ☐

C-2 Literature Courses ☐

C-3a Language ☐

C-3b Multicultural ☐

D (Social Perspectives) ☐

E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives) ☐

UD Interdisciplinary

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5. Course Content in Outline Form. *[Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]*

1. Review of Soc 420: Classical Theory
2. Introduction to Contemporary Theory
3. Post War Period
 - A. Systems Theories
 - B. Symbolic Interactionism
 - C. Feminist Theory
4. Post-Modern Theory

Does this course overlap a course offered in your academic program? YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap? Currently, Sociology 420 covers both classical and contemporary sociological theory. The material is difficult and hard to cover effectively in a 16 week period. Dividing the material into two consecutive semesters means that the student has a greater possibility of understanding key ideas in sociology and finding them useful.

Does this course overlap a course offered in another academic area? YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required on the signature sheet below.

6. Cross-listed Courses (Please fill out separate form for each PREFIX)

List Cross-listed Courses

Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required on the signature sheet below.

Department responsible for staffing:

7. References. *[Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]*

Roberta Garner (ed.) Social Theory: Power and Identity in the Global Era. Volume II. Broadview Press. 2004.
Anthony Giddens. The Consequences of Modernity. Stanford University Press. 1990.
George Ritzer and DouglaS Goodman, Sociological Theory. McGraw Hill. 2004
George Ritzer, Contemporary Sociological Theory and its Classical Roots. McGraw Hill. 2003

8. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.

Sociology Faculty

9. Frequency.

- a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall ☒ Spring ☒ Summer ☐

10. New Resources Required. YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, list the resources needed and obtain signatures from the appropriate programs/units on the sheet below.

- a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment)
- b. Library needs
- c. Facility/space needs

11. Will this new course alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? YES ☒ NO ☐

If, YES attach a program modification form for all programs affected.

Elizabeth Hartung

Proposer of Course

10/8/2006

Date

Approval Sheet

Program/Course: SOC 421

Program Chair(s)	Date
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General Education Chair(s)	Date
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Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	Date
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Dean of Faculty	Date
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