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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course: Four books in Classical Sociological Theory (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course for 7,5 credits should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on then nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis, or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of graduate studies on 2019-10-08.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Lisa Eklund, Bo Isenberg, Magnus Karlsson and/or David Wästerfors, upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 10-15 pages and an oral examination.

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the selected works with special emphasis on their theoretical contributions for our times,
- 2) Critically examine the authors’ theoretical frameworks,
- 3) Discuss and, if possible, apply some of the theoretical concepts in relation to the student’s own project.

D. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

H. Course Literature

Select at least four books (is an mandatory article); two genders must be represented among the chosen authors.*

Addams, Jane (1909). *The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets*. New York: The MacMillan Company.

*Deegan, Mary Jo (1981). "Early women sociologist and the American sociological society. The patterns of exclusion and participation". *The American Sociologist* 1981: 16: 14-24.

Durkheim, Émile (2008). *The elementary forms of religious life*. With an introduction and notes by Mark S. Cladis. New York: Oxford University Press.

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins (1998). *Women and economics. A study of the economic relation between men and women as a factor in social evolution*. Mineola, N.Y.: Dover Publications.

Hughes, Everett C. (1984). *The Sociological Eye*. New Brunswick and London: Transaction Books.

Marx, Karl (1990). *Capital. A critique of political economy*. Vol. 1. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Martineau, Harriet (1989). *How to observe morals and manners*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers.

Mead, George Herbert (1934/1967). *Mind, Self, and Society from the Standpoint of a Social Behaviorist*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Simmel, Georg (1950/1964). *The Sociology of Georg Simmel*. Translated, edited and with an introduction by Kurt H. Wolff. New York: The Free Press.

Weber, Max (2011). *The Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Other texts by the above authors may also be selected, after negotiations with teacher/s. There are different editions of most of the books, select the one that is accessible.

Reference literature in Swedish:

Magdalenic, Sanja (2015). "Sociologins klassiker", i Hedenus, Anna & Sofia Björk & Oksana Shmulyar Green (red), *Feministiskt tänkande och sociologi. Teorier, begrepp och tillämpningar*. Lund: Studentlitteratur.

Udén, Lars (2007). "Sociologins ursprung och grunder", i Edling, Christofer & Jens Rydgren (red), *Social handling och sociala relationer*. Stockholm: Natur & Kultur.