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.


*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:*
