

FEDERATION OF NORTH TEXAS AREA UNIVERSITIES

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SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY QUALIFYING EXAMS

READINGS LIST

Notes:

- ♦ The literature that has the highest priority for taking qualifying exams (don't leave home for the exam without having read them!) are marked with an asterisk (*).
- ♦ Sometimes the sections of the books that have higher priority are specified within brackets.
- ♦ Small print indicates secondary sources and further readings.

I. PRESOCIOLOGICAL SOCIAL THOUGHT (recommended)

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| Aristotle. | <i>Politics.</i> |
| Condorcet, Jean | <i>Sketch for a Historical Picture of the Progress of the Human Mind.</i> |
| Hobbes, Thomas | <i>Leviathan.</i> |
| Machiavelli, Niccolo | <i>The Prince.</i> |
| Montesquieu, Charles | <i>The Spirit of the Laws.</i> |
| Rousseau, Jean-Jacques | <i>Social Contract.</i> |
| Saint-Simon, Henri de | <i>Social Organization.</i> |
| Smith, Adam. | <i>The Theory of Moral Sentiments.</i> |
| Tocqueville, Alexis de. | <i>Democracy in America.</i> |

II. CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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| Bon, Gustave Le. | <i>The Crowd.</i> |
| Comte, Auguste. | <i>The Course of Positive Philosophy*.</i> <i>The System of Positive Polity.</i> |
| Durkheim, Emile. | <i>The Division of Labor in Society*.</i> <i>The Rules of Sociological Method*.</i> <i>Suicide*.</i> <i>Elementary Forms of Religious Life*.</i> |
| Freud, Sigmund. | <i>Civilization and Its Discontents.</i> |

- Malinowski, Bronislaw. *A Scientific Theory of Culture.*
- Mannheim, Karl. *Ideology and Utopia**.
- Marx, Karl. *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844**.
*The German Ideology**.
*The Manifesto of the Communist Party**.
*The Eighteenth of Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte**.
- Mauss, Marcel. *The Gift.*
- Mead, George. *Mind, Self, and Society.*
- Michels, Robert. *Political Parties.*
- Mosca Gaetano *The Ruling Class.*
- Pareto, Vilfredo. *The Rise and Fall of Elites**.
A Treatise on General Sociology.
- Simmel, Georg. *Conflict. The Web of Group Affiliations**.
The Sociology of Georg Simmel.
On Individual and Social Forms.
The Philosophy of Money.
- Sombart, Werner. *The Quintessence Of Capitalism.*
- Spencer, Herbert. *Social Statics**.
Principles of Sociology
- Spengler, Oswald. *The Decline Of the West.*
- Sumner William. *Folkways and Mores.*
- Tarde, Gabriel. *Social Laws**
- Thomas, W. I. *Social Behavior and Personality.*
- Tönnies, Ferdinand. *Community and Society* (Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft).*
- Veblen, Thorstein. *The Theory of the Leisure Class**.
- Weber, Marx. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism**.
*Economy and Society**.
The Methodology of the Social Sciences.
General Economic History.

III. CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

- Adorno Theodor
and Max Horkheimer. *The Dialectics of the Enlightenment.*
- Alexander, Jeffrey. *Theoretical Logic in Sociology**.
Neofunctionalism and after.
- Baudrillard, Jean. *The Illusion Of The End**.
The Consumer Society.
- Bauman, Zygmunt. *The Individualized Society**.
Community
Postmodernity And Its Discontents.
- Beck, Ulrich. *The Brave New World Of Work**.
Risk Society.
- Bell Daniel. *The Coming Of Post-Industrial Society.*
The Cultural Contradictions Of Capitalism.
- Berger, Peter and
Thomas Luckman. *The Social Construction of Reality.*
- Blau, Peter. *Exchange and Power in Social Life.*
- Blumer, Herbert. *Symbolic Interactionism**.
- Bourdieu, Pierre. *Outline of a Theory of Practice**.
Acts of Resistance.
- Coleman, James. *Foundations of Social Theory.*
- Collins, Randall. *Theoretical Sociology**.
Conflict Sociology.
- Dahrendorf, Ralph. *Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Society**.
Essays in the Theory of Society.
- Fromm, Erich. *The Sane Society.*
- Foucault, Michel. *Discipline and Punish.*
- Garfinkel, Harold. *Studies in Ethnomethodology.*
- Giddens, Anthony. *The Constitution of Society**.
New Rules of Sociological Method.
The Third Way

- Goffman, Erving. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life**.
Asylums.
Stigma.
- Habermas, Jurgen. *Legitimation Crisis**.
The Postnational Constellation.
The Theory of Communicative Action.
- Homans, George. *Social Behavior**.
The Human Group.
- Horkheimer, Max
and Theodor Adorno. *Aspects of Sociology*.
- Kuhn, Thomas. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*.
- Lenski, Gerhard. *Power and Privilege**.
- Levi-Strauss, Claude. *The Elementary Structures Of Kinship*.
- Luhmann, Niklas. *Social Systems*.
- Marcuse, Herbert. *Reason and Revolution*.
One-Dimensional Man.
- Merton, Robert. *Social Theory and Social Structure**.
- Mills, C. Wright. *The Power Elite**.
The Sociological Imagination.
White Collar.
- Parsons, Talcott. *The Structure of Social Action**.
The Social System.
- Parsons, Talcott
and Neil Smelser. *Economy and Society*.
- Popper, Karl. *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*.
- Schutz, Alfred. *The Phenomenology of the Social World*.
- Smelser, Neil. *Problematics of Sociology**.
- Sorokin, Pitirim. *Social & Cultural Dynamics**.
- Wrong, Dennis. *Power**.