

科目コード／科目名 (Course Code / Course Title)	抽選登録／Studies of Contemporary Society C		
テーマ／サブタイトル等 (Theme / Subtitle)	General Sociology		
担当者名 (Instructor)			
学期 (Semester)	秋学期1(Fall Semester 1)	単位 (Credit)	2単位(2 Credits)
科目ナンバリング (Course Number)		言語 (Language)	英語 (English)
備考 (Notes)	For PEACE and DLP students Lottery Registration(Limit of 5 students)		

#### 授業の目標(Course Objectives)

The course employs fundamental sociological theories and methods to explain and explore the emergence and functioning of contemporary social systems.

Upon completion of the course the students are expected to:

- become familiar with basic theories and methods of Sociology,
- be able to use theoretically consistent frames of reference to make statements about social facts, actions, institutions, and structures,
- use the comparative historical method to explain social forces beyond social and economic transformation,
- be able to combine conceptual frameworks of sociology, economics, and political science to analyze multi-dimensional social events.

#### 授業の内容(Course Contents)

In our study of society we employ an historical approach. We will explore the economic, political, and social processes that have radically transformed human societies over the past three centuries and contributed to the emergence of modern social systems. Particular attention will be given to the emergence of modern social institutions that facilitate and structure social interaction. Problems of power, coercion, and authority will be discussed in the context of relations between state and society, as well as a less structured context of social interaction. We will also examine problems of social stratification and social order.

Relations between economy and society will be an important part of this course. We will explore the emergence of modern Western capitalist economies and the role of non-economic factors in this process. Markets, as well as other socio-economic systems, will be examined as a part of a broad institutional and cultural framework.

Social change will conclude our discussion. We will investigate its causes, forms, and outcomes in a combination of historical and international perspectives. While evolutionary change will be at the center of our inquiry, we will also touch upon revolutions as a special case of social change.

By the end of this course you are expected to be familiar with main conceptual frameworks of sociology, to be able to apply these frameworks to the analysis of empirical facts, to discuss social problems in an informed and consistent way.

#### 授業計画(Course Schedule)

1. Meeting 1: Overview of the Course. The Scope and Limits of Macro- and Micro-sociology
2. Meeting 2: Theories of Social Change: Conflict Perspectives

Students receive the selection of topics for research project.

3. Meeting 3: Social Order: Functionalist Explanations
4. Meeting 4: The Vital Legacy of Max Weber: Bringing Culture and History into Social Inquiry
5. Meeting 5: Utilitarian perspectives from Bentham to Olson
6. Meeting 6: A Brief Introduction to Methods of Sociological Research
7. Meeting 7: Symbols, Meanings, and Social Interaction  
(Research paper proposals due in class)
8. Meeting 8: Social Interaction as a Stage Play: the Dramaturgical Perspective

Mid-term test

9. Meeting 9: Communities Real and Imagined
10. Meeting 10: Social Change and The Emergence of Modern States
11. Meeting 11: Power, Legitimation and Social Order. Bureaucracy and Civil Society

12. Meeting 12: How Social Change Made Modern Economy Possible
13. Meeting 13: Markets and Societies: Points of Interaction
14. Meeting 14: Patterns of Social Change: Evolution and Revolution

Final test.

#### 授業時間外(予習・復習等)の学習 (Study Required Outside of Class)

While lectures constitute the largest portion of the course, students' participation in discussions is its essential component.

Discussions will be structured around individual students' presentations based on their research papers. Each student will have to write a research paper (approximately 5 pages) and discuss the project in class. The selection of topics for research paper will be made available to students in the first week of the class. Both the paper and the presentation will be graded. There will be a mid-term and a final exam.

#### 成績評価方法・基準 (Evaluation)

Term paper(40%)/Mid-term Test(20%)/Final Test(30%)/In-class presentation and discussion(10%)

#### テキスト(Textbooks)

1. Andrew Savchenko. 2020. <Basic Sociology>. Kendall Hunt (ISBN:978-1-7924-3125-8)

#### 参考文献 (Readings)

#### その他(HP等) (Others(e.g.HP))

#### 注意事項 (Notice)