

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION IN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
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Core reading list:

- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Marx Engels Reader*, edited by Robert C. Tucker, Second Edition (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1978)
- Emile Durkheim, *Division of Labour in Society*, translated by W.D. Halls (New York: Free Press, 1984)
- Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*, translated by John A. Spaulding and George Simpson (New York: Free Press, 1966)
- Emile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, translated by Karen Fields (New York: Free Press, 1995); or translated by Carol Cosman and Mark Sydney Cladis (Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 2001)
- Max Weber, *From Max Weber*, edited by Hans Gerth and C. Wright Mills (New York: Oxford University Press, 1958)
- Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, translated by Talcott Parsons, Second Edition (Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury, 1998)
- Georg Simmel, *On Individuality and Social Forms*, edited by Donald N. Levine (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1971)
- Georg Simmel, *The Sociology of Georg Simmel*, translated by Kurt H. Wolff (Glencoe, IL: Free Press, 1950)
- Talcott Parsons, *The Structure of Social Action* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1937)
- Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* (New York: Vintage, 1979)
- Pierre Bourdieu, *Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgement of Taste*, translated by Richard Nice (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1984)
- Pierre Bourdieu, *The Logic of Practice*, translated by Richard Nice (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1990)
- Immanuel Wallerstein, *Historical Capitalism*, New Edition (London: Verso, 1995)
- Rosemarie Tong, *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction*, Second Edition (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1998)

Sub-field reading lists:

Each student will select three sub-fields within the field of sociological theory, and construct a reading list of at least 10 (non-overlapping) works for each sub-field, in consultation with the members of the Theory Comprehensive Examination Committee. The written approval of the committee must be obtained at least three months prior to the scheduled date of the examination. These reading lists will then be kept on file in the office of the departmental Student Services Manager. Examples of possible sub-fields include, but are not limited to, the following: classical theory, rational choice theory, feminist theory, race theory, class analysis, and post-modern thought, post-colonial theory, functionalism/neo-functionalism, and micro-interactionist theory.