# COURSE DETAIL

## CONTESTED FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL THOUGHT

**Country**
United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**
University of Manchester

**Program(s)**
University of Manchester

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**
149

**UCEAP Course Suffix**
N

**UCEAP Official Title**
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**UCEAP Transcript Title**
FOUNDTN SOC THOUGHT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**
8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

**Course Description**

This course provides a basic but comprehensive introduction to some of the intellectual traditions within sociology with a focus on the origins of the discipline. The course provides the student with the necessary conceptual tools to understand the distinctive origin and nature of sociology as an academic discipline and as a wider cultural presence within modernity. In all cases emphasis is placed upon the specific historical context of particular writers and theories. The argument is that the emergence of sociology and the social sciences in general represents an intellectual response to the cultural and material problems of capitalist industrial societies in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The course equips students with the concepts and information necessary to grasp the main themes of the classical sociological tradition.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
SOCY10421

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**
https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/unit-sea...

**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
Sociology

**Course Last Reviewed**
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