

Requirements for Certificate in Social Theory

In order to receive the Certificate, a graduate student must take four courses. These are:

- (1) A&S 500, Introduction to Social Theory. This course is offered in the fall semester.
- (2) GS 600, Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Social Theory. This team-taught course is offered in the spring semester. A student who takes GS 600 more than once must still satisfy all four requirements to receive the Certificate.
- (3) GS 600, Principles of Editorship: disClosure Editorial Collective. This course is offered in the spring semester.
- (4) A theory course from a discipline other than the one in whose graduate degree program the student is enrolled. This course may be either one of the regularly offered courses listed below or a nonregular, "topical" seminar or course (open for graduate credit) in social theory. Counting any nonregular seminar or course toward this fourth requirement is subject to approval of the Committee on Social Theory. The student should consult with his or her department's liason to the Committee to secure such approval. If a student's department has no liason, he or she should consult with one of the Committee's co-directors. A student wanting to count toward this fourth requirement, a regularly offered course not listed below should consult with his or her liason.

Regular Social Theory Courses

ANT 510	History of Anthropological Theory
ENG 568	History of Literary Criticism I
ENG 569	History of Literary Criticism II
ENG 660	Modern Critical Theory
GEO 702	Concepts in Geography
GEO 707	Seminar in Development of Geographic Thought
GER 612	Studies in Literary Theory
MGT 700	Administrative Science
PHI 535	Social and Political Philosophy
PHI 537	Philosophy of Law
PHI 562	Philosophy of Social Science
PHI 570	Philosophy of History
PS 442G	Modern Political Theory
PS 545	American Political Thought
PS 690	Contemporary Political Thought
PS 770	Seminar in Contemporary Political Theory
SOC 452G	Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 551	Concepts and Theories in Sociology
SOC 651	Sociological Theory in Transition
SOC 751	Seminar in Sociological Theory

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Memo to: Douglass S. Kalika, Acting Dean, The Graduate School
From: John Paul Jones III, Acting Director, Committee on Social Theory
Subject: Re-authorization of Graduate Certificate in Social Theory

What follows is a response to your request for information regarding the past and ongoing activities of the Committee on Social Theory, particularly in regards to the re-authorization of the Graduate Certificate in Social Theory for an additional six-year period.

1. Academic Objectives

The Graduate Certificate in Social Theory is designed to offer master's and doctoral students the opportunity to gain recognition for concentrated study in multidisciplinary approaches to social theory. Social theory is the theoretical analysis of social life, embracing substantive questions about the composition, structure, and development of social phenomena as well as epistemological issues concerning their comprehension. Today, it is one of the most significant and fastest growing arenas in the humanities and social sciences. It brings together scholars from a multitude of disciplines to consider such topics as the social constitution of individuals in contemporary and historical contexts, the nature of the political process, the structure of agency, cultural and economic processes associated with globalization, and the constitution of public space and civil society. Students receive ten hours of systematic training in social theory through a set of multidisciplinary courses described below.

2. Participating Faculty

Director: Wolfgang Natter, Geography and Social Theory
Acting Director: John Paul Jones III, Geography
Co-Director: Ted Schatzki, Philosophy
Associate Faculty: Dana Nelson, English and Social Theory

3. Affiliated Faculty:

Appalachian Center:

Dr. Betsy Taylor

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Geography:

Paola Bacchetta

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German:

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History:

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Bruce Eastwood

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Joanne Pope Melish

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Doug Slaymaker

Sociology:

Dwight Billings

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Patrick Mooney

Shaunna L. Scott

Spanish:

Dianna Niebylski

4. Admission Requirements/Procedures

Students interested in the Certificate must have been admitted to a graduate-degree program at the University. The Committee asks prospective students meet with the Director, indicating their interest in the program. Admission is normally agreed upon and the student then begins her or his coursework.

5. Requirements for Completion

To receive the Certificate, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 10 graduate credit hours with a GPA of 3.00 consisting of the following four courses:

1. **ST 500**, Introduction to Social Theory, providing students with a broad survey of social theoretical issues spanning the humanities and social sciences (3 hours).
2. **ST 600**, Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Social Theory, a topical, team-taught seminar conjoined with a public lecture series (3 hours).

3. **ST 610**, *disClosure* Editorial Collective, offering professional editorial and research experience (1 hour).
4. Either **ST 690**, a topical seminar jointly taught by faculty members from the humanities and social sciences, or **an approved elective theory course** from outside the student's home discipline selected from Committee members' offerings (3 hours).

6. Past Certificate Earners

2001

Jessica Hollis (English)
Jim Hanlon (Geography)
Kevin Miller (Communications)
Elgin Mannion (Sociology)
Leslie Butler (English)
Matthew Renfro-Sargent (Sociology)
Bess Fox (English)
Paul Kingsbury (Geography)
Melinda Spencer (English)
Jeff Osborne (English)

2000

Therese Zawacki (post-bac)
Martin Mills (Philosophy)
Marianne Brennan (Psychology/Geography)
Sarah Moore (Geography)
Margaret Redd (Spanish)
Tim Fargo (Geography)
Matt McCourt (Geography)
Mary Curran (Sociology/Geography)

1999

Christine Metzger (Philosophy/Geography)

Susan Mains (Geography)

July Cary (English)

Phil Jenks (Political Science)

Ray Baruffalo (Geography)

Chris Rice (Political Science)

Carl Dahlman (Geography)

Jeffery Nicholas (Philosophy)

1998

Anne Crawford (Psychology)

Pat Jennings (Sociology)

David Magill (English)

Dana Patton (Political Science)

Meridith Redlin (Sociology)

Debra Lundberg (Geography)

Nathaniel Jones (Post-bac)

1997

Carole Gallaher (Geography)

Mary Gilmartin (Geography)

Eugene McCann (Geography)

Christine Miewald (Anthropology)

Jeremy Kerr (Sociology)

Hugh Bartling (Political Science)

1996

Robert Shields (Geography)

Scott Bryson (English)

Chris Crocchetti (Philosophy)

William Flowers (English)

Oliver Froehling (Geography)

1995

Michael Dorn (Geography)

Arnold Farr (Philosophy)

Katherine Jones (Geography)

Jennifer Kopf (Geography)

Cecil Lawson (Political Science)

Robert Morris (Geography)

Dorothee Seifen (English)

1994

Martin Bosman (Geography)

E. Jeffrey Popke (Geography)

Bruce Sowards (Psychology)

Kakie Urch (English)

1993

Leila Barr (French)

John Grimes (Geography)

Leslie Hazelwood (German)

Todd Lewis (Anthropology)

1992

Gregory Howard (Philosophy)

Laura Lorson (Anthropology)

Erik Reece (English)

6. Rationale for Continuation

The University of Kentucky's Committee on Social Theory was formed in 1989 to facilitate multidisciplinary teaching and research in this area. Underlying the initiative was the realization that, because many social theoretical issues refuse containment within extant disciplinary demarcations, they are best studied within a multidisciplinary framework. The Committee was formed to contest traditional disciplinary narrowness by fostering trans-disciplinary theoretical understandings and informing empirical research with them. UK social theory is especially concerned with building theoretical bridges between the humanities and social sciences.

Today, the Committee includes a large number of active faculty associates, spanning 18 units and several colleges. It offers students and faculty an innovative opportunity to pursue social thought in a genuinely dialogical and multidisciplinary fashion. Its forums include team-taught graduate seminars, a public lecture series coordinated with these seminars, public symposia, broad-based theory courses, a working paper series for participating faculty, the annual visit of a Distinguished Author in Social Theory, and an editorial practicum associated with the student-run journal, *disClosure*, now in its tenth year of publication. The Committee is a founding institutional member of the International Consortium of Social Theory Programs. Along with the Appalachian Center, the Committee was recently awarded a prestigious, three-year Rockefeller Foundation grant to study civil society and civic practice.

The Graduate Certificate in Social Theory is an important facet of the overall operations of the Committee on Social Theory.

7. Additional Information

Complete information on the Committee and its various activities may be found on the website: <http://www.uky.edu/AS/SocTheo>.