

## Week 2: Overview

Welcome to week 2! Now that you know a bit more about sociology, we're going to dig into the key theories and theorists in sociology. While there is a lot of new information this week, it will prove to be helpful as we'll explore ideas from many of these theorists as we move through the course. This is also one of the more difficult weeks in the course, so I encourage you to stick with it as it only gets easier from here!

### Outcomes

This week's learning outcomes are as follows:

- Describe the history of sociology and the development of the discipline (CLO 3)
- Explain the key concepts and limitations of classical sociological theory (CLOs 1, 2, 3)
- Differentiate between contemporary theoretical perspectives (CLO 3)

The learning materials, activities, and assignments in this module will contribute to meeting the following course learning outcomes (CLO) as stated in the syllabus. Please refer to the Course Learning Outcomes and Alignment page for more details.

- CLO 1 - Explain how the scientific method and sociological concepts are used in the systematic study of society.
- CLO 2 - Discuss and evaluate how society and culture affect our beliefs, values, and behavior.
- CLO 3 - Summarize key ideas and apply the three main theoretical perspectives of sociology.
- CLO 4 - Analyze how individuals' lives, historically and in present-day, are impacted by their ascribed statuses, including race and ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and social class.