

EIND 574 Semester Schedule (subject to change):

Date	Topic	Reading
1/10	Course Introduction	
1/15	Introduction to Organizations	Scott & Davis, Ch. 1
1/17, 1/22	Organizations as Rational Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classical theorists- Rational actor models	Scott & Davis, Ch. 2
1/24, 1/29	Organizations as Natural Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The informal organization- Behavioral models- Social conflict models	Scott & Davis, Ch. 3
1/31, 2/5	Organizations as Open Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Systems views of organizations- Open systems theory	Scott & Davis, Ch. 4
2/7	Integrating Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contingency theorists- Ecological theories	Scott & Davis, Ch. 5
2/12	Midterm Exam 1: take-home	
2/14, 2/19	Technology & Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Differentiation vs. Integration- Task uncertainty, complexity, interdependence- Formal coordination mechanisms	Scott & Davis, Ch. 6a
2/21, 2/26	Technology & Structure, cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Informal coordination mechanisms- Sociotechnical systems theory- Organizational routines & knowledge management	Scott & Davis, Ch. 6b
2/28	Term Paper Assignment	
3/5, 3/7, 3/12	Goals, Power & Control <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dominant coalitions- Formal vs. informal power- Critical theory	Scott & Davis, Ch. 8
3/14	Midterm Exam 2: in-class	
3/19, 3/21	<i>Spring Break</i>	
3/26, 3/28	Organizational Environments <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transaction cost economics- Resource dependence theory	Scott & Davis, Ch. 9
4/2, 4/4	TBD	

4/9, 4/11	TBD
4/16, 4/18	TBD
4/23, 4/25	Student Presentations

4/30	Final Exam: 12:00 - 1:50 p.m.
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