



# Theory Schmeory

CHID 250 B

## Introduction to Critical and Cultural Theory

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The word “Theory” sends many students into a panic! Maybe you think it’s boring or too hard, maybe you think it is irrelevant to the realities of life, or maybe it makes you feel like you don't belong.

This class treats theory as a way to help you think about your life, and possibly how to change the conditions of your existence; it presents a series of theoretical frameworks, each one offering a different set of tools for analyzing and understanding the world around you. We will study liberal humanism, materialism, hermeneutics, structuralism, post structuralism, postmodernism and more. You will learn how to develop your own interpretations of the things around you, and leave the class with a new set of tools for thinking and acting in the world.