The purpose of this course is to introduce Sociology students to classical and contemporary theories about social movements, and to help them prepare for qualifying exams and dissertation research. In addition, we will cover a range of 20th-century movements, focusing mostly on the U.S. and Western Europe. During the first month, students will become familiar with micro-level as well as macro-level theoretical traditions, such as relative deprivation, rational choice, resource mobilization, and frameworks that bridge traditional theoretical divides and address issues related to, e.g., recruitment and participation or the role of the state. Movements covered include the labor movement and the "new" left/student movement of the 1960s, the civil rights movement, the women's movement, the lesbian/gay rights movement, and environmental/peace movements.