



**SYLLABUS & PROGRAMME
STRUCTURE OF FOUR YEARS
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

SOCIOLOGY

(Major)

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SYLLABUS FOR
UNDER GRADUATE IN SOCIOLOGY

(SEMESTER I - IV)

MAJOR DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSES
(CORE)

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Semester – I

(Sociology as Major) Basic Concepts in Sociology

Course Code: DMj 001

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objective: This course shall introduce the discipline of sociology and its subject matter to students. It shall also situate the discipline among other existing disciplines and establish an understanding of the concepts of sociology that will enable the students to develop a scientific understanding of the society.

Unit I: Sociology as a Discipline

1. Emergence of Sociology, Perspectives of Sociology
2. Meaning, Nature and Significance of Sociology
3. Sociology and other Social Sciences- Social Anthropology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science & History

Unit II: Basic Concepts

1. Society, Community, Association and Organization
2. Status and Role
3. Institutions: Family & Kinship, Education, Religion, Economy and Politics
4. Groups and its types

Unit III: Culture and Socialization

1. Culture: Meaning, characteristics, Types, Cultural lag
2. Socialization- Meaning, Stages, & Agencies
3. Conformity and Deviance
4. Culture, Heredity and environment in personality development

Unit IV: Social Change, Social Processes and Social Control

1. Social Change: Progress, Development, Evolution, Growth
2. Factors & Theories of Social change
3. Social Processes: Associative and Dissociative
4. Social Control: Meaning and Agencies

Essential Readings:

Beteille: Sociology—Essays on Approach and Method (OUP)

Allan G Johnson. 2008, *The Forest and the Trees: Sociology as Life Practice and Promise*, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, Introduction and Chapter 1, 'The Forest, the Trees and One Thing', Pp. 1-36
McGraw-Hill, Chapter 8, Pp. 185-209

Alex Inkeles: *What Is Sociology?*

Alex Thio: *Sociology*

Andre, Beteille, 2009, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Common Sense', Pp. 13-27

Anthony Giddens : *Sociology*

Béteille, André, 1985, *Six Essays in Comparative Sociology*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Social Anthropology', Pp. 1-20

Beteille, André, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach & Method*, Oxford University Press, Chapter 2, 'Sociology and Social Anthropology', Pp. 28-54

Beattie, J., 1966, *Other Cultures*, London R.K.P., Chapter 2, 'Social Anthropology and Some Other Sciences of Man', Pp. 25- 29

Burke, Peter, 1980, *Sociology and History*, George Allen and Unwin, Chapter 1, 'Sociologists and Historians', Pp. 13-30

Bottomore, T. B. 1971, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, London: Allen and Unwin. Chapter 4, 'The Social Sciences, History and Philosophy', Pp. 65-80

Bierstedt, Robert, 1974, *The Social Order*, New York: McGraw Hill Book Company Part 3, Chapter 5, 'The Meaning of Culture', p. 125-151, Chapter 6, 'The Content of Culture' Pp. 152-187, Chapter 7, 'The Acquisition of Culture', Pp. 188-212.

Berger, Peter. (1966). *An Invitation to Sociology – A Humanist Perspective*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Bottomore, T.B, (1962). *Sociology*. London: George Allen and Unwin.

Bauman, Zygmunt. (1990). *Thinking Sociologically*. London: Blackwell.

Fulcher, James and John Scott. (2007). *Sociology*. Third Ed. OUP.

G. Rocher: *A General Introduction to Sociology*

George Ritzer .*Encyclopaedia of sociology*

Gilles Ferreol& Jean-Pierre Noreck: *An Introduction to Sociology* (PHI Learning)

Giddens, Anthony. (2013). *Sociology*, 7th Edition. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Ganguli, Ramanuj and S. A. H. Moinuddin (2nd edition). 2013. *SamakaleenSamajattwa*. BaniPrakashan, Rina Publication, Kolkata.

Haralambos, M and Heald, R.M. (2006).*Sociology: Themes and Perspective*. London: Harper Collins.

Jayaram, N. (1987). *Introductory Sociology*.Macmillan Press Limited.

Johnson, Harry. M. (1973).*Sociology*. Bombay: Allied Publishers.

Kuppuswamy, B. (1984). *Social Change in India*. Delhi: Vikas Publications

Macionis, John. (1996). *Sociology*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

Mitchell, G. D. (1968). *A dictionary of sociology. A dictionary of sociology*.

Mitchell, G. D. (2017). *A new dictionary of the social sciences*.Routledge.

Worsley, Peter. Ed. (1970) *Modern Sociology: Introductory Readings*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Semester – I
(Sociology as Major)
Sociological Thinkers

Course Code: DMj 002

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This course shall introduce undergraduate students to the subject matter of sociology. It will also attempt at developing sociological thinking and imagination and enable them to apply theories to make sense of their everyday experiences. It deals with classical sociological theories that present the foundations of sociological theories.

Unit-I. Origin and Development

1. Role of European Enlightenment; French, American & Industrial Revolutions
2. Contributions of Montesquieu, St. Simon & Harriet Martineau
3. Auguste Comte: Positivism; Law of Three Stages

Unit -II. Emile Durkheim

1. Division of Labour & forms of solidarity
2. Social fact, Suicide- Types of Suicide
3. Elementary Forms of Religious Life

Unit- II. Karl Marx

1. Class Struggle & Alienation
2. Historical Materialism
3. Capitalist Mode of Production

Unit-III. Max Weber

1. Social Action
2. Power and Authority
3. Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Essential Readings:

- Aron, Raymond. (1965), *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*. Vol. I & II.
- Atal, Yogesh (2003): *Sociology: From where to where*, Jaipur: Rawat Publication.
- Barnes, H.E. (1959). *Introduction to the History of Sociology*, Univ. of Chicago Press.
- Coser, L.A., (1977), *Masters of Sociological Thought*, Rawat.
- Durkheim, E. (1951). *Suicide: A Study in Sociology*. New York: The Free Press.
- Durkheim, E. (1958). *The Rules of Sociological Method*. New York: The Free Press.
- Finer, S F (ed.): *Vifredo Pareto: Sociological Writings*. Basil Blackwill. Oxford. 1966
- Fletcher, Ronald. (2000). *The Making of Sociology*, (Vol. I & II), Rawat.
- Giddens, A. (1971). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Durkheim and Max Weber*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Gane, Mike. (1992). *The Radical Sociology of Durkheim and Mauss*. London: Routledge.
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- Giddens, A. 1971. *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx*,
- Goodwin, Glenn A & Scimecca, Joseph A. 2006. *Classical Sociological Theory- Rediscovering the Promise of Sociology*. Australia: Thomson/Wadsworth.
- Hughes, John. J. Peter Martin & W.W. Sharrock. (1995). *Understanding Classical Sociology-Max Weber and Durkheim*. Sage.
- Johnson, H.M.(1995) : *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
- Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1969. *Selected Works Vol. 1*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. pp. 13-15,16-80, 98-106, 142-174, 502-506.
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- Morrison, Ken. (1995). *Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formations of Modern Social Thought*. Sage Publications.
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- Poggi, Gianfranco. 2006. *Weber*. Cambridge, UK: Polity. Pages: 1-16 (16)
- Ritzer, G. (1996). *Sociological Theory*. New York: McGraw Hill Companies.
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- Turner, Bryan S. (1999). *Classical Sociology*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
- Timasheff, N. S. (1967). *Sociological Theory*. Random House.
- Weber, Max. 1947. *The Theory of Social and Economic Organization*. New York: The Free Press, pp. 87-123
- Weber, Max. 2002. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (translated by Stephen Kalberg). London: Blackwell Publishers, pp. 3-54, 103-126, Chapters I, II, III, IV & V.

**Semester – II
(Sociology as Major)
Sociological Perspectives**

Course Code: DMj 003

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

The aim of this course is to develop within students the ability to apply sociological theories in understanding their everyday world. This course attempts to acquaint students with various sociological perspectives to better understand the methodological approaches of the thinkers.

Unit I

1. Nature and Scope of Sociological Theory
2. Philosophical perspectives: Positivism and Hermeneutics
3. Social Construction of Reality: Society as an objective and subjective reality

Unit II

1. Functionalism-Contributions of Radcliffe Brown & Malinowski
2. Talcott Parsons- Functional Pre-requisites, Pattern Variables & AGIL
3. Robert. K Merton- Manifest & Latent Function, Reference Group

Unit III

1. Conflict Theory- Contributions of Marx & Simmel
2. Ralf Dahrendorf- Authority & Power
3. Lewis Coser- Functions of conflict

Unit IV

1. Symbolic Interactionist Theory- Major Arguments
2. Contributions of C.H Cooley- Looking Glass Self
3. George Herbert Mead- Mind, Self & Society

Essential Readings:

- Abraham. Francis.1982. Modern Sociological theory, Oxford University Press.
- Blumer. H. 1969. Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective & Methods, Prentice Hall
- Clarke, S. 1981. The Foundation of Structuralism, Brighton: Harvest Press.
- Colomy, P. (ed.) 1990. Functionalist Sociology, London: Edward Elgar.
- Collins Randall, 1975. Conflict Sociology, New York : Academic Press.
- Craib, Ian. 1992. Modern social theory: From Parsons to Habermas (2nd edition).
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- Charon, Joel. M. (2010), Symbolic Interactionism: An Introduction, An Interpretation, An Integration,
New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt Ltd.
- Collins, Randall. 1997 (Indian edition).Sociological theory. Jaipur and New Delhi:Rawat.
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contradiction in social analysis. London: Macmillan
- Giddens, A. (1987) Social Theory and Modern Sociology, Cambridge, Polity Press.
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- Levi Strauss. Claude (1953), Social Structure; in A.L.Krocher's edited Anthropology today, Chicago
University Press.
- Lane, M. (ed.) (1970) Structuralism: A Reader, London, Jonathan Cape.
- Majumdar.D.N. & T.N. Madan.An Introduction to Social Anthropology. New York.
- Mead, G.H. 1934. Mind Self and Society, Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press.
- Merton R.K. 1949. Social Theory and Social Structure. Free Press
- Radcliffe-Brown.A.R., (1952), Structure & Function in Primitive Societies (edited by E.E.
- Ritzer, George. 1992 (3rd edition).Sociological theory. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Turner, Jonathan H. 1995 (4th edition).The structure of sociological theory. Jaipur and New Delhi:
Rawat.
- Zeitlin, Irving M. 1998 (Indian edition).Rethinking sociology: A critique of contemporary theory. Jaipur
and New Delhi: Rawat.

Semester – II
(Sociology as Major)
Social Stratification and Social Mobility

Course Code: DMj 004

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This course shall acquaint students with the concepts of stratification and develop an understanding of the inequalities in the society from sociological perspective. This shall also develop an understanding of the significance of social mobility and relevance of caste, class, race & gender in contemporary world.

Unit I: Concept & Definition

1. Meaning&Characteristics: Social Stratification & Social Differentiation
2. Hierarchy, Natural & Social Inequality
3. Basis & Processes of Social Stratification

Unit II: Theories of Social Stratification

1. Functionalist- Kingsley Davis & Wilbert E. Moore
2. Weberian
3. Marxian

Unit III: Dimensions of Social Stratification

1. Class
2. Caste
3. Gender

Unit IV: Social Mobility

1. Meaning, Types & Forms of Social Mobility
2. Factors, Causes & Consequences
3. Emerging Trends of Caste Mobility

Essential Readings:

- Beteille, Andre; 1965; Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in a Tanjore Village; Berkeley; Penguin books.
- Bottomore, T.B; 1971; Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature; Bombay; Blackie and Son Publication Pvt. Ltd.
- Bendix&Lipset, (ed.), (1966), Class, Status and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective, Part I & Section on Mobility.
- Beteille, A. Idea of Social Inequality and other Essays;
- Beteille, A.; Inequality among Men, (Chap 5- Race & Stratification).
- Crompton & Mann, (ed.), (1986), Gender and Stratification, (Chapter by Walby)
- Davis & Moore, (1945), "Some principles of Stratification" in, Bendix&Lipset, (ed.), (1966), Class, Status and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective, Part I & Section on Mobility.
- Davis, Kingsley and Wilbert E. Moore; 1945; 'Some Principles of Stratification', in American Sociological Review; April 1945.
- Gupta, Dipankar., (1994), Social Stratification (Selected Chapters).
- Erikson, R. and J.H. Goldthorpe, (1992), The Constant Flux: A Study of Class Mobility in Industrial Societies
- Goldthorpe, J.H., (1980), Social Mobility and Class Structure in Modern Britain, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- Gupta D. (ed.); 1991; Social Stratification; Delhi; Oxford University Press.
- Grusky, D. (2019). *Social stratification, class, race, and gender in sociological perspective*. Routledge.
- Jodhka,S.& S. Thorat; "Caste in the Private Sector", in, Economic and Political Weekly, 2007. Macionis, J.J. 2006. Sociology. New Delhi: Pearson.
- Marx, K. (1852/1963), The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte, New York: International Publishers (Preface)
- Sharma, K.L; 1997; Social Stratification in India: Issues and Themes; New Delhi; Sage Publications.
- Singh, Yogendra; 2002; Social Stratification and Change in India; New Delhi, Manohar.
- Srinivas, M.N; 1965; Caste in Modern India and Other Essays; Bombay; Orient Longman.
- Tumin, Melvin M; 1987; Social Stratification: The forms and Functions of Inequality; New Delhi; Prentice Hall of India.

Semester – III
(Sociology as Major)

Sociology of India

Course Code: DMj 005

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This course shall enable students to develop critical and analytical outlook by engaging in understanding Indian society from various perspectives. This shall also enable students to develop sociological lens while understanding various aspects of Indian society and changes that occurred.

Unit I

1. Society in Pre-British and British India
2. Cultural Assimilation and Unity in Diversity in India
3. Challenges of Nation Building

Unit II

1. Caste: Concept, Characteristics & Critique
2. Village: Structure & Change
3. Family: Types, Functions & Changes

Unit III

1. Kinship: Principle, Pattern, Usages & Significance
2. Marriage: Meaning, Functions, Types & Changes
3. Religion: Definition, functions and dysfunctions

Unit IV

1. Pluralism and Diversity: Great Tradition and Little Tradition, Reconciling Traditional and Modern Values
2. Sanskritization & Westernisation
3. Modernisation and Globalisation

Essential Readings

A. Beteille. *Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns*

Desai, A.R. 1948. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Mumbai: Popular Prakashan

Caplan, L., 1991, "Christian Fundamentalism as Counter-Culture", in T.N. Madan (ed.), *Religion in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Dipankar, G. (1992). *Social Stratification*. Oxford University Press.

Haimendorf, C.V.F., 1967, "The Position of Tribal Population in India", in P. Mason *India and Ceylon: Unity and Diversity*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Karve, I., 1994, "The Kinship Map of India", in P. Uberoi (ed.), *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp.50-73.

Mencher, J., 1991, "The Caste System Upside Down", in D. Gupta (ed.), *Social Stratification*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp. 93-109.

Madan, V., 2002, "Introduction" in V. Madan (ed.), *The Village in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp. 1-26.

Momin, A.R., 1977, "The Indo Islamic Tradition", *Sociological Bulletin*, 26, Pp. 242-258.

M. N. Srinivas – *Caste – Its Twentieth Century Avatar*

M. N. Srinivas – *Social Change in Modern India*

Nehru, J.L., 1945, *The Discovery of India*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House. Srinivas, M.N., 1987,

Nadeem Hashain. *Tribal India Today* (Chs. 4-8)

Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah., 1968, "Hinduism", in D.L. Sills (ed.), *The International Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences*, Volume 6. New York: Macmillan, Pp. 358-366.

Srinivas, M.N., 1969, "The Caste System in India", in A. Beteille (ed.) *Social Inequality: Selected Readings*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, Pp. 265-272.

Uberoi, J.P.S., 1991, "Five Symbols of Sikh Identity", in T.N. Madan (ed.), *Religion in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp. 320- 332.

Xaxa, V., 2011, *Tribes and Social Exclusion* (Occasional Paper, No. 2). Calcutta: CSSSCUNICEF, Pp. 1-18.

Xaxa, V. (1999). Tribes as indigenous people of India. *Economic and political weekly*, 3589-3595.

Xaxa, V. (2008). *State, society, and tribes: Issues in post-colonial India*. Pearson Education India.

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Semester – III
(Sociology as Major)

Sociology of Family Marriage & Kinship

Course Code: DMj 006

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This course attempts to introduce the basic terms and concepts, approaches, issues and debates in the study of family, kinship and marriage. It highlights the study of these systems in different societies and social institutions and the changing trends. An exposure to the critical insights into the changing trends in family, marriage and kinship may help the students to revise their understanding of the above in contemporary times.

Unit-I

General Principles and Basic Concepts

- Descent, filiations, residence, incest, consanguinity, affinity
- Corporate and non-corporate groups clan
- Definitions: Family, Marriage & Kinship

Unit-II

Studying the Family

- Family: nature and types
- Family and household
- Forces of change
- Emergent forms of family

Unit: III

Understanding Marriage

- Types of marriage
- Rules Regulating Marriage,
- Pattern of Spouse Selection and Marriage Rituals.
- Contemporary challenges to Institution of Marriage

Unit: IV

Studying Kinship

- Descent and Alliance Approaches to the Study of Kinship in India.
- Differential Kinship Patterns in India.
- Study of Indian Patrilineal and Matrilineal Kinship Structure

Essential Readings

- Goode, William J. 2009. 'The Theoretical Importance of the Family' in Arlene S. Skolnick and Jerome H. Skolnick (eds) *Family in Transition*. Boston: Pearson. Pp. 15-26.
- Dube, Leela 1974. *Sociology of Kinship: An Analytical Survey of Literature*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
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- International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, TOPIC 1968. New York: Macmillan and Free Press.
- Shah, A.M. 1974. *The Household Dimension of the Family in India*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Shah, A.M. 1998. *The Family in India: Critical Essays*. New Delhi: Orient Longman
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- Yogendra, S., Yogendra, S., & Singh, Y. (1973). *Modernization of Indian tradition*. Thomson Press (India) Limited.
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- Goody, Jack, ed. 1958. *The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Graburn, N., ed. 1971. *Readings in Kinship and Social Structure*. New York: Harper and Row.
- Levi-Strauss, Claude. [1949] 1969. *The Elementary Structure of Kinship*. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode.
- Madan, T.N. 1965. *Family and Kinship: A Study of the Pandits of Rural Kashmir*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.
- Patel, T. 2005. *The Family in India: Structure and Practice*. New Delhi: Sage Publications
- Prasad, B.D. ,Juvva, S. &Nayar. M. 2020. *The Contemporary Indian Family*. New York: Routledge
- Radcliffe-Brown. 1952. *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. London: Cohen and West. Reprint.
- Trautman, Thomas, R. 1981. *Dravidian Kinship*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Kapadia, K.M. 1958. *Marriage and Family in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Semester – IV
(Sociology as Major)

Introduction to Social Research

Course Code: DMj 007

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This paper aims to understand the application of the scientific method to answer social science research questions, to understand the logic of sampling, to understand the logic of these modes of observation: experimental method, interviews, focus groups, field research, and unobtrusive research, & to develop an understanding of the basic approaches to qualitative and quantitative data analysis. Moreover, it would help students for fields analyze, interpret, and make sense of the social environment. Students will learn how to assess survey results as part of the course; prior experience with statistics is not necessary (or anticipated). Develop their own empirical research question(s) and the capacity to develop solutions is the course's objectives. Also help to recognize the methods used by social scientists to produce their understanding of society and the reasons behind those methods.

Unit-1:

1. Social Research: Meaning, Scope and Significance
2. Positivism and Empiricism in Sociology: A Critique
3. Objectivity and Subjectivity in Social Research
4. Theory and Fact in Social Research; Ethics of Social Research

Unit-II:

1. Types Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative, Descriptive, Exploratory, Explanatory and Experimental Research; Basic and Applied Research
2. Methods: Comparative, Historical, & Empirical
3. Conceptualization and Formulation of Hypothesis
4. Sources of Data: Primary & Secondary

Unit-III:

1. Breaking down the Quantitative-Qualitative Divide: Triangulation of Research
2. Survey Methods: Questionnaire & Interview
3. Observation & its Types
4. Ethnography & Case Study

Unit-IV:

1. Sampling: Definition and Types, Utility of Different types of sampling.
2. Use of Statistics in Sociology: Measures of Central tendency
3. Report Writing Process: Coding, tables, graphs, histograms,
4. Report Writing

Essential Readings:-

- Amir B. Marvasti, 2004. *Qualitative Research in Sociology*, London: Sage.
- Ahuja, Ram 2001. *Research Methods*, Rawat Publication: Jaipur
- Babbie, Earl. 1995. (7th Edition), *The Practice of Social Research*, Belmont: CA Wadsworth.
- Bailey, K., 1994. *Methods of social research*. Simon and Schuster, 4th ed. The Free Press, New York NY 10020.
- Beteille, A. 2002. *Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method*, New Delhi: OUP.
- Beteille, A & Madan, T.N. 1975. *Encounter and Experience. Personal accounts of Fieldwork*. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House
- Bryman, Alan. 2004. *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*, New York: Routledge.
- Gupta, S. P., 2007. *Elementary Statistical Methods*. Sultan Chand & Sons.
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- Kothari, C.R. 1990. *Research Methodology*. New Delhi: VishwaPrakashan.
- Punch, Keith. 1996. *Introduction to Social Research*. London: Sage
- Srivastava, V.K. (ed.) 2004. *Methodology and Fieldwork*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Srinivas, M.N and A.M Shah, 1979. *Fieldworker and the Field*. New Delhi, Oxford University Press
- Young, P.V. 1988. *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall

Recommended Readings:-

- Bajaj and Gupta. 1972. *Elements of Statistics*. New Delhi: R.Chand and Co.
- Brown, Radcliffe, A. R. 1958. *Methods in Social Anthropology*, Delhi: Asia Publishing Corporation.
- Durkheim, E. 1958. *The Rules of Sociological Method*, New York: The Free Press.
- Goode, W. E. and P. K. Hatt. 1952. *Methods in Social Research*. New York: McGraw Hill.
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- Nisbet, Robert, 1976. *Sociology as an art form*
- Weber, Max. 1949. *The Methodology of the Social Sciences*, New York: The Free Press.

Semester – IV
(Sociology as Major)

Contemporary Social Problems in India

Course Code: DMj 008

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

Students can understand the problems of society. They can learn about corruption, poverty and unemployment with causes and treatment and learn the evil effects of drugs, alcoholism and Aids; would recognize the structural, systemic factors which affect the quality of life, gender, social class, sexual orientation, disability, and racial/ethnic backgrounds; Also help to understand the social problems confronting India, to know the policies & programmes implemented to resolve the social problems and would help to reflect on alternative explanations and solutions of contemporary social issues

UNIT I

1. Social Problems: Meaning, Nature, Characteristics, Causes and Significance of study
2. Types of Disorganization: Social, Personal, and Familial
3. Deviant Behaviour: Meaning, Types and Causes

UNIT II

1. Alcoholism; Drug addiction
2. AIDS; Ageism
3. Violence against Women and children; Child Labour
4. Ethnic Problems and Violence: Causes, Effects, Measures of Control

UNIT III

1. Poverty and Unemployment: Concept and Magnitude: Causes & Consequences; Strategies for Alleviating Poverty.
2. Population: Trends and Policies in India; Migration: Causes and Consequences; Population Explosion: causes and consequences.
3. Communalism: Concept & Varieties, Problems
4. Casteism: Meaning & Caste related violence

UNIT IV

1. Crime: Meaning, Causes
2. Juvenile Delinquency, Meaning, Causes-Prevention and Rehabilitation
3. Cyber Crime; Corruption
4. Terrorism: Causes, Effects, Measures of control

Essential Readings:

- Ahuja, Ram. (2000): Social Problems in India, New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Berreman, G.D. 1979, Caste and other inequalities: Essays on Inequality, Meerut: Folklore Institute
- Burra, Neera.(2010) Born to Work, New Delhi: OUP
- Bose, Ashish. (1991) Demographic Diversity in India, Delhi, India: B.R. Publishing Corporation.
- Chandra, Bipin (2008) Communalism in Modern India, New Delhi: Har-Anand Publication private Ltd.
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STRUCTURE OF FOUR YEARS
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

SOCIOLOGY

(Minor)

(Under National Education Policy – 2020)

(Effective from the Academic Session 2023-2024)

**MAHARAJA BIR BIKRAM UNIVERSITY
AGARTALA, TRIPURA: 799004**

SYLLABUS

FOR

UNDER GRADUATE IN SOCIOLOGY

(SEMESTER- I - IV)

MINOR/ELECTIVE

NEW EDUCATION POLICY

(NEP-2020)

SEMESTER	PAPER	NAME OF PAPER	CREDIT
I	I	Basic Concepts in Sociology	04
II	II	Sociological Thought	04
III	III	Understanding Indian Society	04
IV	IV	Social Problems in India	04

Semester – I
(Sociology as Minor)
Basic Concepts in Sociology

Course Code: DMn 001

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This introductory paper is meant to introduce students to sociology as a distinct discipline. It is structured in such a way that even those who have never studied sociology before would develop an interest in it and pursue it.

Unit I: Basic Concepts

1. Sociology and the study of Society; Community and Association
2. Institutions: Family & Kinship, Education, Religion, Economy and Politics
3. Groups and its types
4. Social Processes

Unit II: Culture, Socialization and Social Control

1. Components of culture: Values, Norms & Beliefs
2. Culture shock, ethnocentrism and xenophobia
3. Agents of Socialization and Social Control
4. Conformity and Deviance

Unit III: Social Stratification

1. Basis of social stratification
2. Forms of social stratification: Sex and gender, Race and ethnicity, Caste, Class and Power
3. The nature and sources of inequality; inequality and social stratification
4. Social Mobility

Essential Readings:

Alex, Inkeles. (1975). *Sociology*. London: Prentice Hall.

Berger, Peter. (1966). *An Invitation to Sociology – A Humanist Perspective*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Bottomore, T.B, (1962). *Sociology*. London: George Allen and Unwin.

Giddens, Anthony. (2013). *Sociology*, 7th Edition. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Haralambos, M and Heald, R.M. (2006). *Sociology: Themes and Perspective*. London: Harper Collins.

Jayaram, N. (1987). *Introductory Sociology*. Macmillan Press Limited.

Johnson, Harry. M. (1973). *Sociology*. Bombay: Allied Publishers.

Kuppuswamy, B. (1984). *Social Change in India*. Delhi: Vikas Publications

Macionis, John. (1996). *Sociology*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

Scott J. and Gordon Marshall (2009) *Dictionary of Sociology* Oxford University Press

Recommended Readings:

Bauman, Zygmunt. (1990). *Thinking Sociologically*. London: Blackwell.

Fulcher, James and John Scott. (2007). *Sociology*. Third Ed. OUP.

Worsley, Peter. Ed. (1970). *Modern Sociology: Introductory Readings*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Ganguli, Ramanuj and S. A. H. Moinuddin (2nd edition). 2013. *SamakaleenSamajattwa*. BaniPrakashan, Rina Publication, Kolkata.

Semester – II
(Sociology as Minor)
Sociological Thought

Course Code: DMn 002

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

To familiarize the students with the social, political, economic and intellectual contexts in which sociology emerged as a distinctive discipline. To help students to gain an understanding of some of the classical contributions in sociology and their continuing relevance to contemporary society.

Unit-I: Rise of Sociology

1. Enlightenment and its critique
2. Industrial Revolution and French Revolution
3. Scientific and humanistic orientations to Sociological study, Sociological Imagination
4. Growth of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India

Unit-II: Classical Sociology-I

1. Comte: Positivism, Social Statics and Dynamics, Hierarchy of Sciences, Morality, Major contributions
2. Spencer: Evolution, Social Darwinism, Individualism, Major contributions
3. Durkheim: Social Fact, Suicide, Division of Labour, Religion, Morality, Major contributions

Unit III: Classical Sociology-II

1. Marx: Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Base and Superstructure, Class Struggle, Alienation, Major contributions
2. Simmel: Formal Sociology, Modern Culture, Dialectical Approach, Major contributions
3. Weber: Social Action, Ideal Type, Authority, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Major contributions.

Essential Readings:

- Bhupendra Kumar Nagla. (2008). *Indian Sociological Thought*; Jaipur, Rawat Publication. Bhattacharyya, Swapan Kumar. (1990). *Indian Sociology: The Role of Benoy Kumar Sarkar*, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan. ,
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- Irving M. Zeitlin. (2000). *Ideology and Development of Sociological Theory* (7th Edition), Prentice-Hall.
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- Pramanik, S. K. 1994, *Sociology of G. S. Ghurye*, Rawat Publication, Jaipur.
- Raymond Aron. (1998). *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* (Vol. 1 & 2), Transaction Publishers
- Timasheff, Nicholas Sergeyeitch. (1967). *Sociological theory: Its nature and growth*, 3rd edition, Random House.

Recommended Readings:

- Bandopadhyay, Bholanath and Krishnadas Chattopadhyay (ed.). (2012). *Bharater Samajwattick Chintadhara*, Levant Books, Kolkata.
- Bhattacharyya, Swapan Kumar and Gayatri Bhattacharyya. (2010). 'Dhurjutiprasader Samajtattwa', in Subir Bhattacharjee (Ed.) *Dhurtipasad Rachanabali*, Dey's Publishing House, Kolkata.
- Gupta, Bella Dutta. (1972). *Sociology in India*. Centre for Social Research, Kolkata., Kolkata: Pragatishil Prakashak
- Giddens, Anthony. (1971). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber*, Cambridge University Press
- H.E. Barnes. (1948). *An Introduction to the History of Sociological Thought*; Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Nisbet, Robert. (1967). *The Sociological Tradition*, London: Heinemann Publisher.

Semester – III
(Sociology as Minor)

Understanding Indian Society

Course Code: DMn 003

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

This paper will introduce an understanding of Indian society and equip students to have both textual and empirical understanding of some of the very important aspects of Indian Society such as caste, family, kinship and marriage. It focuses to bring out the dynamic aspect of Indian society.

UNIT I

1. Indian Society in Pre-British and British India
2. Impact of British Rule on Indian Society: Economic, Social and Cultural
3. Unity and Diversity in India
4. Little & Great Tradition, Problems of Indian Nationalism

UNIT II

1. Caste: Concept, Features and Changes
2. Varna & Jati
3. Dominant Caste & Jajmani System
4. Caste, Class and Power in India

UNIT III

1. Family: Types, Functions and Changes
2. Marriage: Types, Functions and Changes
3. Marriage among major religious groups in India
4. Kinship: Types, Importance, rules of descent and kinship usages

UNIT IV

1. Sanskritisation
2. Westernization & Modernization
3. Secularization
4. Globalization

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

- Ahuja, Ram. 2007. *Society in India – Concepts, Theories and Recent Trends*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
- Desai, A.R. 1948. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Mumbai: Popular Prakashan
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- Srinivas, M.N., 1968, *Social Change in Modern India*, Berkeley: University of California Press.
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- Vago, S. 1989. *Social Change*, New Jersey: Prentice Hall
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- Shah, A.M. et.al, 1996, *Social Structure and Change (Volume 1), Theory and Method: A Evaluation of the Work of M.N. Srinivas*, New Delhi: Sage
- Srinivas, M.N., 1987, *The Social System of Mysore village and The Indian Village: Myth and reality, Chapters from his book The Dominant Caste and Other essays*, pp. 20-115, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Semester – IV
(Sociology as Minor)

Social Problems in India

Course Code: DMn 004

Credit: 4 (3 Lectures+1 Tutorial)

Classes (per week): 4 hours

Course Objectives:

Students can understand the problems of society. They can learn about corruption, poverty and unemployment with causes and treatment and learn the evil effects of drugs, alcoholism and Aids. It would also help to understand the social problems confronting India, to know the policies & programmes implemented to resolve the social problems by reflecting on alternative explanations and solutions of contemporary social issues

UNIT I

1. Social Problems: Meaning, Nature, Characteristics, Causes and Significance of study
2. Types of Disorganization: Social, Personal, and Familial
3. Deviant Behaviour: Meaning, Types and Causes
4. Crime: Meaning, Causes, Consequences & Remedies

UNIT II

1. Alcoholism; Drug addiction
2. AIDS; Juvenile Delinquency
3. Violence against Women; Child Labour
4. Cyber Crime; Corruption

UNIT III

1. Poverty and Unemployment: Concept and Magnitude: Causes & Consequences; Strategies for Alleviation.
2. Population: Trends and Policies in India; Population Explosion: Causes and Consequences.
3. Communalism: Concept & varieties, Problems
4. Casteism: Meaning & Caste related violence

Essential Readings:

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- Bose, Ashish. (1991) Demographic Diversity in India, Delhi, India: B.R. Publishing Corporation.
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Semester – III
(Sociology as Interdisciplinary/Elective)
MEDIA AND SOCIETY

Course Code: DSE 002

Credit: 3 (3 Lectures)

Classes (per week): 3 hours

Course Objective:

Media and Society is an interdisciplinary course that discusses what media is, how it has evolved, and what impacts it has on society today. It aims to sensitize and familiarize with the role of media and its processes and representations to examine the social construction of reality.

Unit – 1: Concept, Role of Media and its relation to Society

- Mass media and society: Importance of media
- Evolution of media within the society
- Critical analysis of the role of media
- Media impact on society: Cases: Internet, Cinema, Television and Print Media

Unit -2:Media Processes and Media Representation

- Production and Control in Old and New Media
- Role of media and issues of marginality
- Gender and the role of media
- Globalization and the future of media

Unit-3:Experiential Learning Process

- Presentations, Film screenings
- Critical readings of media
- Projects on making short films

Essential Readings:

- Herman, Edward S., and Noam Chomsky. 'A Propaganda Model' In *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media*. New York: Pantheon, 1988. Pp. 1-35.
- Kaur, Raminder, and William Mazzarella. 'Between Sedition and Seduction Thinking Censorship in South Asia' In *Censorship in South Asia: Cultural Regulation from Sedition to Seduction*. Bloomington: Indiana UP, 2009.
- Eko, Lyombe, 2012. 'New Media, Old Authoritative Regimes: Instrumentalization of the Internet and Networked Social Media in the "Arab Spring" of 2011 in North Africa' In *New Media, Old Regimes: Case Studies in Comparative Communication Law and Policy*. Boulder: Lexington Books. Pp. 129-160.
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- Said, Edward W. 1997, *Covering Islam: How the Media and Experts Determine How We See the Rest of the World*. New York: Vintage.
- Burton, G. (2010). *Media and society: Critical perspectives*. McGraw-Hill Education (UK).
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- Rantanen, T. (2005). *The media and globalization*. Sage.
- Hafez, K. (2007). *The myth of media globalization*. Polity.
- Sparks, C. (2007). *Globalization, development and the mass media*. Sage.
- Kellner, D., & Pierce, C. (2007). Media and globalization. *The Blackwell Companion to Globalization*, 383-395.
- Brooks, D. E., & Hébert, L. P. (2006). Gender, race, and media representation. *Handbook of gender and communication*, 16, 297-317.
- Kosut, M. (Ed.). (2012). *Encyclopedia of gender in media*. Sage.
- Georgiou, M. (2013). Diaspora in the digital era: Minorities and media representation. *Jemie*, 12, 80.
- Cuklanz, L. M. (2013). Mass media representation gendered violence. *The Routledge companion to media and gender*, 32-41.
- Nabi, R. L., & Oliver, M. B. (Eds.). (2009). *The SAGE handbook of media processes and effects*. Sage.