

Introduction to Sociology

Semester I

Subject Code: AC11506

Lectures : 48

Contact Hours : 12

Objectives:

- To introduce basic concepts in sociology
- To acquaint students with sociological perspectives to understand the social reality around us
- To develop critical understanding of social institutions.
- To develop an insight into how the everyday life is socially constructed.

Topic 1: What is Sociology?

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- Definition
- Sociological Imagination
 - Seeing the general in the particular
 - Seeing the stranger in the familiar
 - Seeing individuality in the social context
- Sociological Worldview/ Perspectives
 - Structural- functionalism
 - Conflict
 - Feminist
 - Race
- New Areas and careers
 - Cultural studies
 - Film studies
 - Development studies
 - Womens' studies



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Topic 2: Culture

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- Introduction
- Meaning: Definition, components of culture (symbols, language, values and beliefs, norms)
- Concepts: Counterculture, Ethnocentrism, cultural relativism,
- Characteristics of culture
- Types of culture
 - Looking Ahead: Globalization, glocal cultures, cultural hybridity

Topic 3: Macro Sociology: A Guide to Everyday Life

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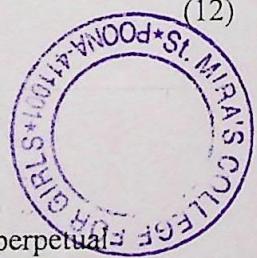
- Introduction: Macro Sociology and Micro Sociology
- Social Structure:
 - Status and Role
 - Status Set
 - Ascribed and Achieved Status
 - Role set
 - Role conflict and role strain
 - Role exit
 - Social Institutions: From unit act to institutionalization
Case study of an institution—family/marriage/education/economy/polity

Topic 4: The Social Construction of Everyday Life

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- Introduction: The Social Construction of Reality
- Researching Everyday Life:
 - The Construction of Self—Goffman
 - Digitalized Life: New features of Daily Interaction (being in perpetual contact, being able to have global access, being able to access friends new modes of speaking and communicating, being able to publicly display identities, new rules and behavioral patterns)
 - Displaying Emotions: A new way of Interaction

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Recommended Text Books:

1. Macionis John (2006): Sociology, Pearson, New Delhi
2. Schaefer Richard(2006): Sociology- A Brief Introduction, Tata McGraw Hills, NY.

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1. Allan Kenneth(2005): Explorations in Classical Sociological Theory; Pine Forge Press, N. Delhi..
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The Unequal World: Sociology of Difference and Division

Semester II

Subject Code: AC21506

Lectures: 48

Contact Hours: 12

Objectives:

- To introduce basic concepts in sociology of difference and division
- To introduce bases of social inequality in society
- To develop critical understanding of different social inequalities intersect each other.

Topic 1: Inequality, Social Divisions and Social Stratification

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- Introduction: Meaning of stratification, division and inequality
- Closed and open systems of stratification: caste and Class
- The persistence of inequalities in social life—Ideology, Habitualization, Subjugation, Coercion and violence

Topic 2: The Gender Order and Sexualities

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- Introduction: Key terms—sex and gender, sexism, patriarchy



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- Becoming Gendered: The process of socialization
- Traditional Sociological understanding of gender: functional (Parsons), conflict (Engels)
- New theories of feminism: Basic feminist ideas
- Sexuality and stratification—hierarchy of sex, the institution of identities of heterosexuality and homosexuality

Topic 3: Racism, Ethnicities and migration

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- Ethnicity : Ethnic identity, ethnic resurgence, ethnicity and national identity
- Racism, caste, and minority : Discrimination and violence
- Multiculturalism, pluralism, and diaspora

Topic 4: Global Inequality

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- Issues and challenges to address global inequality
- Migration, Labour and Citizenship
- The Digital Divide
- Inequalities in Environment
- Global Poverty



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