



Sociology General Paper 3
Urban Sociology
[Core Course]

Semester: V	Credits: 3	Subject Code: A 52211	Lectures: 48
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Learn and develop a more balanced approach to understand Urban Society.
- Assess multicultural and plural sensitivities.
- Explore and demonstrate sensibilities towards understanding a plural society.
- Apply and develop interpersonal skills to enable the study of social issues, problems and challenges.

Unit 1: Introduction

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- Nature and scope of urban sociology
- Importance of urban sociology
- Concepts – Urban society – ecology, community, urbanization, urbanism, pre-industrial city, urban culture, Urban locality, Urbanization, Suburb, Metro cities, Heterogeneity

Unit 2: Current Trends and Issues in Urbanization

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- Urbanization in the Developed nations
 - “Post sub-urban” development and urban sprawl
 - De industrialization
 - Development of “technopoles”
 - Experience of Eastern Europe
- Globalization and urbanization in Developing nations
 - Pattern of primate city development
 - Shanty towns and slum formations
 - Informal economy

Unit 3: People and Lifestyles in the Urban and Suburban Cultures

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- Class differences and spatial location
 - Class stratification
 - New Urban middle class and spatial differentiation
- Women, gender roles and space
 - Women in the urban environment
 - Gendered space
- The revitalization of the city
 - Revitalization of urban culture

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- Image building for global positioning
- New consumer spaces

Unit 4: Urban Problems and Planning in India

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- Urban Problems
 - Poverty
 - Unemployment
 - Slums
- Urban Planning
 - Short history of urban planning in India
 - Urban social welfare
 - New trends: community participation, Smart city

#12 contact hours for Assignments, Visits, Research, Field Studies, etc.

Recommended Basic Reading:

- Mark Gottdiener ,Ray Hutchinson and Michael T.Ryan(2015) - *The New Urban Sociology*(5th Edition)- Westview Press,UK
- David A. Karp, Gregory P. Stone, William C. Yoels, and Nicholas P. Dempsey (3rd Edition)(2015) – *Being Urban , A Sociology of city life* – Praeger,USA.
- Mark Abrahamson (2014)- *Urban Sociology, A Global Introduction*, - Cambridge University Press USA.
- Jan Lin and Christopher Mele(2nd Edition)2013- *The Urban Sociology Reader* – Routledge Taylor and Francis group , New York.
- N. Jayapalan (2013), - *Urban Sociology*- Atlantic Publishers and distributors.New Delhi.
- Dr Kumar,(10th edition) - *Rural and Urban Sociology*- Published by Laxmi Narain Agarwal, 2012.
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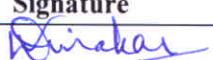
- Richard T. LeGates and Frederic Staut (6th Edition)2016- *The City Reader*-Routledge New York,NY.
- Reifer, Thomas E (March – April 2013) *Journal- Review Essay: The Reassertion of Race, Space and Punishment's Place in Urban Sociology and Critical Criminology*, - *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, Vol.31, No.2, March-April 2013.
- John J. Macion, Vincent N. Parrillo (7th Edition) (2008)- *Cities and Urban Life*- Pearson Education Limited.
- Gary Bridge (2005)- *Reason in the City of Difference: Pragmatism, Communicative*

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Action, and Contemporary Urbanism- Routledge, New York

- Simon Parker (2004)- *Urban Theory and Urban Experience: Encountering the city*-, Routledge, New York.
- Deborah Stevenson (2003)- *Cities and Urban cultures* – Open University Press, Maidenhead Philadelphia, England.
- Adrian Nicole LeBlanc (2003)- *Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, and Coming of Age in the Bronx* – Paperback
- George Gmelch, Walter P. Zenner (4th Edition) (2002)- *Urban Life: Readings in the Anthropology of the city*,- Waveland Press,

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Sociology General Paper 3
Sociology of Information Society
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Semester: VI	Credits: 3	Subject Code: A62211	Lectures: 48
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Learn the ways in which man makes and adapts to the social environment thereby rendering human existence the basic social nature.
- Learn reflexive and critical knowledge of the discipline.
- Apply and assert a critical, rational, logical, and scientific approach to the study of Information society
- Apply and internalize positive values like compassion, accountability and sensitivity to human issues related to Information society.

Unit 1: Introduction: Technology society and historical change

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- From Agricultural society to Industrial society
- Information revolution and towards Information society
- Basic Concepts –
 - Informationalism
 - Industrialism
 - Capitalism
 - Fordism and Post-Fordism
 - The Self in the information society
 - Post-Industrial society

Unit 2: Theoretical Chapter

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- Network Society – Manuel Castells
- Information and the Market – Herbert Schiller
- Information, Reflexivity and Surveillance – Anthony Giddens

Unit 3: Living in the Twenty-First Century

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- Wire-less youth: Rejuvenating the Net- Youth as producers and Savvy Consumers
- Millennials Go Global (Unfolding Global Civil Society)
- Changes in the Human Personality?
- Privacy and Personal Autonomy

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Unit 4: Information Society and Culture

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- The Rise of Media Culture
- The New media and the diversification of Mass Audience
- Computer Mediated Communication, Institutional control, social networks and virtual communities.

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Recommended Basic Reading:

- John P. Feather (6th Edition) (2013)- *The Information Society, A study of continuity and change*, - Facet publishing, London,
- Robert Hassan (2008) – *The Information Society*, - Polity press, Bridge Street, Cambridge UK.
- Christian Fuchs (2008)- *Internet and Society, Social Theory in the Information Age*- Routledge Publication, New York.
- Manuel, castells, (1996), *The Rise of Network Society*, Blackwell, Publishers Gandhi P.T., “Disaster mitigation and management – Post Tsunami perspectives”, Deep Publication 2007
- Frank Webster (3rd Edition) (2006) - *Theories of the Information Society* – Routledge Taylor and Francis group, London and New York.
- Armand Mattelart (Translated by Susan G. Taponier and James A. Cohen) (2md Edition) (2005)- *The Information Society, An Introduction*, - Sage Publication, New Delhi.
- Christopher T. Marsden (2005) – *Regulating the Global Information Society*, - Routledge New York, NY.
- Anthony G. Wilhelm, (2004)- *Digital Nation-toward an inclusive information society*, - The MIT press Cambridge, Massachusetts, London, England.
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- Mark Taylor and Esa Saariner, (1994), *Imagologies*, - Routledge, London
- December and Randall (1994) *The World Wide Web- Unleashed*, Macmillan Computer Publishing.
- Bhatnagar Subhash 2000: *Information and Communication: Technology in Development*, Sage Publication.

Recommended Reference Books:

- Alistair Black, Dave Muddiman and Helen Plant2007- *The Early Information Society, Information Management in Britain before the Computer*- Ashgate Publishing LTD Hampshire England.
- Barrie Axford and Richard Huggin, (ed) 2001: *New Media and Politics*, Sage, India.
- P.Preston, 2001 : *Reshaping Communications – Technology Information and Social Change*, Sage Publications : New Delhi.
- Joann Yates and John Van, Mannen, 2001: *Information Technology and*

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