



Sociology
Sociology of Popular Culture
[Discipline Specific Course]

Semester: III	Credits: 3	Subject Code: A32113	Lectures: 48
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Course Outcomes:

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

- Develop the knowledge of concepts related to popular culture and provide basic knowledge of methods used in the field of media
- Know various interdisciplinary fields related to media and popular culture
- Develop an understanding of global forces in the field of popular culture/media
- Apply various non-conventional texts like films, art forms and social media
- Foster critical, reflexive and analytical thinking skills in media
- Develop multicultural and plural sensitivities towards diversity of cultures and perspectives on culture
- Develop ethical and moral stand towards media and role of popular culture/media

Unit 1: Defining Popular Culture

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- What/Who Defines the Popular?
- What Is Popular Culture?
- Folk Culture and Mass Culture
- The Politics of Popular Culture
- Why Study Popular Culture?

Unit 2: Theories of Popular Culture

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- Marxism: Gramsci, Marxism and popular culture
- Structuralist approaches: Roland Barthes and Mythologies
- Feminism and popular culture: Feminist analysis of popular culture
- Postmodernism: Contemporary popular culture and postmodernism

Unit 3: Reading Popular Culture

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- Television
- Bollywood cinema: Nation in Bollywood cinema
- Social media

Unit 4: Globalization and Popular Culture

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- Global media as an agency of globalization
- Syncretism in global culture
- Control of MNCs over global information flow as well as entertainment
- Impact on youth in respect of values, consumerism, food preferences, fashions and entertainment

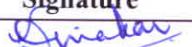
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Recommended Text Books:

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- O'Shaughnessy Michael, 2001. *Media and Society- An Introduction*, Oxford, UK
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Sociology
Sociology of Gender
[Discipline Specific Course]

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Course Outcomes:

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

- Build a strong and sound theoretical foundation in Sociology of gender
- Inculcate critical thinking skills
- Empathize and solve gender related issues in their lives
- Identify women's rights as human rights
- Develop multicultural and plural sensitivities about gender issues
- Adapt an ethical approach to understanding gender realities
- Foster a more balanced approach to understanding Indian society
- Carry out gender related research

Unit 1: Theorizing Gender

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- The social construction of gender
- Understanding gender spectrum
- Understanding patriarchy, caste, and gender through-an Intersectionality lens

Unit 2: Understanding Sexualities

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- Understanding Sexualities :Themes and perspectives
 - Modernity and Normative Sexualities
 - Sexuality as desire
 - Anxieties of Control
- Counter Hegemonies
- Masculinities
- Campaign Document

Unit 3: Political Economy: Gender Perspective

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- Concept of work and domestic work
 - Defining work
 - domestic work as work
 - Measuring domestic work
- Gender and development
 - Development: Meaning and concept

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- Alternative perspectives (WID, WAD, GAD)
- Women, Environment, and development
- Indian state, development planning and gender

Unit 4: Democratic Movements: From Gender Perspective

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- Gender and Democratic movements
 - Post-independence period
 - Contemporary period
- Gender and human rights
 - Human rights: emergence and meaning
 - Women's Rights and Human rights: International perspective
- Women and human rights: The Indian situation

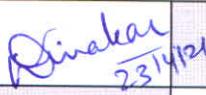
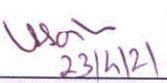
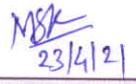
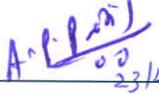
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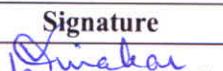
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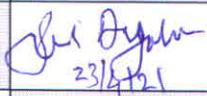
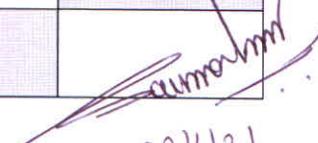
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