

BASIC SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS

Course Code: SOC-501

Type: Core Course

Semester: Autumn

L-T-P-C (3-1-0-4)

Objectives of the Course:

The course offers the broad conceptual frameworks used in the discipline. It will provide the students with a strong conceptual grounding that helps in laying a strong foundation for other papers in the discipline.

UNIT- I Key Concepts of Social Structure:

- Society; Community; Social structure; Organization; Institutions and Association; Status, Role and its types
- Culture and Civilization; Norms and Values
- Social Groups and its types: Primary and Secondary group; In-Group, Out-Group; Reference group
- Social stratification and its forms- Slavery, estate, caste, class and status groups
- Social Control and its agencies; Anomie

UNIT II Basic Social Institutions:

- Family:** Classification of family; Functions of family
- Marriage:** Marriage and its types, Marriage practices
- Kinship:** Kinship terms, terminologies and usages

UNIT III Derivative Institutions:

- Economy:** Property, capital, division of labour
- Polity:** Authority, Power, Political Party
- Religion:** Sacred and profane, totemism, animism, communalism, secularism

UNIT IV Social Processes and Change:

- Social Processes: competition, conflict and cooperation, acculturation, diffusion and assimilation
- Socialization: Types and agencies
- Social change, development, progress, evolution and revolution

Essential Readings:

- Atal, Yogesh (2014) *Studying the Social Sphere: Introduction to Sociology* Pearson
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- Giddens, Anthony Mitchell Duneier, Richard P. Appelbaum. 2007. *Introduction to Sociology*, Sixth Edition, New York: W.W Norton
- Jayaram, N. 1988. *Introductory Sociology*. Madras: Macmillan India
- Merton, R.K. 1957. *Social Theory and Social Structure*. London: Free Press
- Schaefer, Richard T. and Robert P.Lamm. 1999. *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata-McGraw-Hill.
- Johnson, Harry M. 1995. *Sociology: A systematic introduction*. New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
- Davis, Kingsley. 1949. *Human Society* New York: Macmillan Co.
- Rosenberg Michael. 1983. *An Introduction to Sociology* Methuen Publications

Further Readings:

- Harlambos, M. 1998. *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Mac Iver R.M and Charles H Page. 1981. *Society: An Introductory Analysis* New York: Macmillan
- Wallerstein, Immanuel 2009. *Open the Social Sciences* New Delhi: Sage/Vistaar
- Worsley, Peter. 1970. *Introducing Sociology* Harmondsworth: Penguin Books
- Inkeles, Alex 1964. *What is Sociology? An Introduction to the Discipline and Profession* New Delhi: Prentice Hall
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