



Sociology
Introduction to Sociological Theories
[Core Course]

Semester II	Credits: 4	Subject Code: MSL22004	Lectures: 60
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Course Outcomes:

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

- Understand major sociological perspectives
- Demonstrate the analytical perspective on social reality
- Comprehend and co-relate foundational theoretical orientations in sociology

Unit I: Introduction to Social Theory	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Origins of Social Theory<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Classical and medieval ideas about society○ The 17th century-the social contract○ The 18th century- the Age of Reason○ The Scottish Enlightenment• The main themes of theory<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Power○ Action and structures○ Micro versus macro○ Models of change (conflict and continuity)	
Unit II: Theories of Structure and function	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structuralism: Radcliff-Brown, Levi-Strauss.• Functionalism: Parsons & Merton• Neo Functionalism: J. Alexander	
Unit III: Conflict Theory	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C. Wright Mills• Ralph Dahrendorf	
Unit IV. Micro theories	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phenomenology - Alfred Schultz and Peter Berger	

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- Ethnomethodology - Garfinkel and Goffman

12 hours for Library work, practical or field work or research purposes

Recommended Text Books:

- Ritzer, George: *Sociological Theory*, MacGraw-Hill, 2000
- Giddens and Turner (eds). *Social Theory Today*, Polity Press, Cambridge 1987
- Abraham, M.F. *Modern Sociological Theory*, OUP. New Delhi 1990
- Calhoun, Craig, Rojek, Chris & Bryan Turner. *The Sage Handbook of Sociology*, Sage Publications. 2005
- Ritzer, George and Barry Smart. *Handbook of Social Theory* Sage Publications, London, 2001.
- Turner Bryan S. (Edited), *The New Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2009

Reference Books:

- Adams Bert N., Sydie R. A., *Sociological Theory*, Vistaar Pub, New Delhi 2011
- Turner J. H., *The Structure of Sociological Theory*, Rawat Pub. Jaipur 1999.
- Lemert Charles, *Social Theory: The Multicultural and Classical Readings*, Rawat Pub, Jaipur 2004
- Turner Bryan S. (Edited), *The New Blackwell Companion to Social Theory*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd. 2009
- Calhoun Craig, (edited), *Robert K. Merton: Sociology of Science and Sociology as Science*, Columbia University Press New York 2010
- Schütz, Alfred, *Phenomenology of the Social World*. Evanston, Ill: Northwestern University Press. 1967.
- Greg, M. A Smith - *Erving Goffman, (Key Sociologists)*, USA, Routledge, 2006

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