



SOCIOLOGY
Contemporary Social Theories
[Core Course]

Semester IV	Credits: 4	Subject Code: MSL42002	Lectures: 60
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Course Outcomes:

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

- Understand the contemporary trends in social theory.
- Compare and contrast various theoretical viewpoints.
- Get prepared for research in sociology.

Unit 1:Marxism From 1930s to 1970s	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frankfurt school and critical theory<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Basic tenets of critical theory○ Influence of critical theory on social theory• Gramsci<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hegemony○ Civil society• Althusser<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Theory of ideology	

Unit 2: Post Structuralism and Post Modernism	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structuralism to post structuralism• Modernism to Postmodernism• Michel Foucault<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Theory of madness and civilization○ Power/Knowledge• Derrida<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Logocentrism○ Difference• Baudrillard<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Consumer society• Fredrik Jameson<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The cultural logic of capitalism	

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Unit 3: Postcolonial Theory	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts in Postcolonial theory • Contributions to Postcolonial theory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frantz Fanon ○ Edward Said 	

Unit 4: Recent Trends in Sociological Theory	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giddens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Structure and agency dilemma • Bourdieu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integration approach-habitus and field • Ulrich Beck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk Society 	

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

Recommended Text Books:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams and Sydie (ed): <i>Sociological Theory</i>, Vistar Publication, N. Delhi, 2001. • Bryan Turner, Chris Rojek and Craig Calhoun (ed),: <i>The Sage Handbook of Sociology</i>, London: Sage Publication, 2005. • Giddens A. and Turner J.: <i>Social Theory Today</i>, California: Stanford University Press, 1988. • Ransome P.: <i>Social Theory</i>, Rawat Publication, 2010 • Ritzer G. and Barry Smart (ed), <i>Handbook of Social Theory</i>, Sage, London, 2001 P. P.No. 179, 201, 308, 324, 439, • Ritzer George (ed): <i>Encyclopedia of Social Theory</i>, London: Sage Publication, 2005. • Seidman S.: <i>Contested Knowledge- Social Theory in the Post-modern Era</i>, Blackwell Publication, London, 1994. • Smart B.: <i>Michel Foucault</i>, Routledge, London, 2002.

Reference Books:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan How, <i>Critical Theory</i>, Palgrave Macmillan 2003 • Anthony G.: <i>The Constitution of Society</i>. Outline of a Theory of Structuration, California University, USA, 1984. • Cassell P.(ed): <i>The Giddens Reader</i>, Macmillan Publication, London, 1987. • Lemert C.: <i>Sociology After the Crisis</i>, Westview Press, New York, 1995.

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