

Introduction to Sociology

Semester I

Subject Code: AC11506

Lectures : 48

Contact Hours : 12

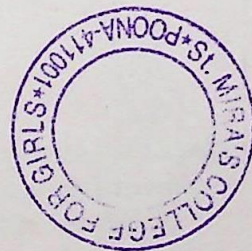
Objectives:

- To introduce basic concepts in sociology
- To acquaint students with sociological perspectives to understand the social reality around us
- To develop critical understanding of social institutions.
- To develop an insight into how the everyday life is socially constructed.

Topic 1: What is Sociology?

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- Definition
- Sociological Imagination
 - Seeing the general in the particular
 - Seeing the stranger in the familiar
 - Seeing individuality in the social context
- Sociological Worldview/ Perspectives
 - Structural- functionalism
 - Conflict
 - Feminist
 - Race
- New Areas and careers
 - Cultural studies
 - Film studies
 - Development studies
 - Womens' studies



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Topic 2: Culture

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- Introduction

Meaning: Definition, components of culture (symbols, language, values and beliefs, norms)

- Concepts: Counterculture, Ethnocentrism, cultural relativism,
- Characteristics of culture
- Types of culture
 - Looking Ahead: Globalization, glocal cultures, cultural hybridity

Topic 3: Macro Sociology: A Guide to Everyday Life

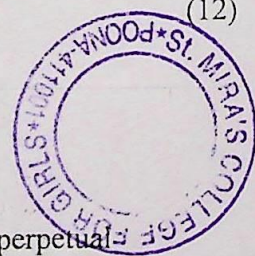
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- Introduction: Macro Sociology and Micro Sociology
- Social Structure:
 - Status and Role
 - Status Set
 - Ascribed and Achieved Status
 - Role set
 - Role conflict and role strain
 - Role exit
 - Social Institutions: From unit act to institutionalization
Case study of an institution—family/marriage/education/
economy/polity

Topic 4: The Social Construction of Everyday Life

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- Introduction: The Social Construction of Reality
- Researching Everyday Life:
 - The Construction of Self—Goffman
 - Digitalized Life: New features of Daily Interaction (being in-perpetual contact, being able to have global access, being able to access friends new modes, of speaking and communicating, being able to publicly display identities, new rules and behaviours patterns)
 - Displaying Emotions: A new way of Interaction



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Recommended Text Books:

1. Macionis John (2006): Sociology, Pearson, New Delhi
2. Schaefer Richard(2006): Sociology- A Brief Introduction, Tata McGraw Hills, NY.

Reference Books:

1. Allan Kenneth(2005): Explorations in Classical Sociological Theory; Pine Forge Press, N. Delhi..
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The Unequal World: Sociology of Difference and Division

Semester II

Subject Code: AC21506

Lectures: 48

Contact Hours : 12

Objectives:

- To introduce basic concepts in sociology of difference and division
- To introduce bases of social inequality in society
- To develop critical understanding of different social inequalities intersect each other.

Topic 1: Inequality, Social Divisions and Social Stratification

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- Introduction: Meaning of stratification, division and inequality
- Closed and open systems of stratification: caste and Class
- The persistence of inequalities in social life—Ideology, Habitualization, Subjugation, Coercion and violence

Topic 2: The Gender Order and Sexualities

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- Introduction : Key terms—sex and gender, sexism, patriarchy



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- Becoming Gendered: The process of socialization
- Traditional Sociological understanding of gender: functional (Parsons), conflict (Engels)
- New theories of feminism: Basic feminist ideas
- Sexuality and stratification—hierarchy of sex, the institution of identities of heterosexuality and homosexuality

Topic 3: Racism, Ethnicities and migration

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- Ethnicity : Ethnic identity, ethnic resurgence, ethnicity and national identity
- Racism, caste, and minority : Discrimination and violence
- Multiculturalism, pluralism, and diaspora

Topic 4: Global Inequality

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- Issues and challenges to address global inequality
- Migration, Labour and Citizenship
- The Digital Divide
- Inequalities in Environment
- Global Poverty



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