

University of Allahabad

M.A SOCIOLOGY

SEMESTER-1

BASIC SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS

Course Code: SOC-501

Type: Core Course

Semester: Autumn

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

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

EMERGENCE AND GROWTH OF SOCIOLOGY

Course Code: SOC –502

Type: Core Course

Semester: Autumn

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

UNIT- I Emergence of Sociology:

Genesis of sociology: Enlightenment, French Revolution and Industrial Revolution

Sociology and its relationship with other social sciences- history, economics, political science, psychology and anthropology

UNIT II Classical Thinkers - I

Auguste Comte- Positivism

Herbert Spencer- Social Darwinism

E. Durkheim- Social fact, division of labour, religion, theory of suicide

Malinowski- Argonauts of the Western Pacific

UNIT III Classical Thinkers - II

Karl Marx-Dialectics, Materialistic conception of History, Surplus value, class, class formation and class conflict; alienation

Georg Simmel - formal sociology; Idea of Conflict

UNIT IV Classical Thinkers - III

Max Weber- Verstehen, Social action and its types; Ideal types; The Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism, Power, Authority and its types; class, status and party

Vilfredo Pareto- Logical and Non-logical action; Residues and derivatives

TECHNIQUES OF DATA COLLECTION

Course Code: SOC –503

Type: Core Course

Semester: Autumn

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

UNIT- I Scientific Method in Social Research:

Commonsense and Sociology; Objectivity and subjectivity

Methodology; Methods and Techniques

Research Design - Exploratory, Descriptive and Experimental

Types of research- Qualitative, Quantitative and Triangulation

UNIT II Quantitative Research Techniques:

Sampling and its types

Social Surveys, Questionnaire, schedule, interview, scaling

UNIT III Qualitative Research Techniques:

Observation, life history, Case Study, Content Analysis, focused group interview, conversational analysis, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)

UNIT IV Statistical Analysis and Computer application in Social Research:

Variables and its types; Measures of central tendency: Mean, Median and Mode; Methods of Dispersion: Range and Standard Deviation, Tests of Correlations

M.S Excel and M.S PowerPoint; Use of SPSS in data analysis

INDIAN SOCIETY: CONTINUITIES AND CHANGES

Course Code: SOC –504

Type: Core Course

Semester: Autumn

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

UNIT I **Idea of India:**

Distinctive characteristic of Indian society; Conceptualizing caste and approaches to its study; Unity in diversity (Regional, Linguistic and religious diversities); Ethnicity and nation-building

UNIT II **Contemporary Debates on Indian Society;** with special reference to Tribe ,Village, and City.

UNIT III **Traditional Social Institutions in Modern Settings**

- Interplay between tradition and modernity
- Adaptation of caste in modernizing society
- Changing marriage, family and Kinship system
- Changing Women in Indian Society

UNIT IV **Economic and Political Processes in Indian Society**

- Issues of Poverty; Human development concern;
- Caste-class interactions: social mobility and changes
 - Political Institution; Leadership; Panchayat Raj Institutions

Field work*/ Library based Exercise

Course Code: SOC –531
Type: Lab Course/Practical Course
Semester: Autumn
L-T-P-C (0-1-3-4)

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SEMESTER – II

MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Course Code: SOC–505

Type: Core Course

Semester: Spring

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

UNIT- I **Functionalist Perspectives**

Macro-Micro Integration

Talcott Parsons- Voluntaristic theory of social action, Pattern variables, Functional Prerequisites of social system

Robert K. Merton- paradigm of functional analysis, reference group, middle range theories

Jeffrey Alexander- Neo-functionalism

UNIT II **Structuralist and Conflict Perspectives**

Claude Levi-Strauss- Structuralism

L. Althusser – structural Marxism; Ideological state apparatus

Antonio Gramsci- Hegemony

Dahrendorf- The class and class conflict in industrial societies

Lewis Coser- Functions of Conflict

UNIT III **Interactionist Perspectives - I**

G.H. Mead- Mind, Self and Society

Herbert Blumer- Symbolic interactionism

Erving Goffman- Presentation of self in everyday life

UNIT IV **Interactionist Perspectives - II**

A. Schultz- The phenomenology of social world

Garfinkel – Ethno-methodology

P. Berger and Luckmann- The social construction of reality.

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOLOGY IN INDIA

Course Code: SOC–506

Type: Core Course

Semester: Spring

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

UNIT- I Emergence of Indian Sociology

Social conditioning of Indian Sociology; Sociology in India and Sociology for India; Indigenization of Sociology

UNIT II Perspectives on Indian Society-I

Ethnography (S.C Dube); Indological (Ghurye); Civilizational approach (N.K Bose)

UNIT III Perspectives on Indian Society-II

Structural-functional (M.N Srinivas); Marxism (D.P Mukherji); Weberian (T.K Oommen)

UNIT IV Contemporary Perspectives on Indian Society

Subaltern perspective (Ranajit Guha); Environmentalist Perspective (Ramachandra Guha); Feminist Perspective (Sharmila Rege)

SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Course Code: SOC–551

Type: Elective Course

Semester: Spring

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

UNIT I Some Basic Concepts

Introduction to Sociology of Development; Growth, progress, modernization, development, developmentality, underdevelopment, human development, social development, sustainable development, happiness, captive mind

UNIT II Theories and Critiques of Development

Weber, Myrdal, Gusfield, Frank, Amin, Schumacher, Wallerstein

UNIT III Development and Socio-economic Disparities

Development and Gender; Development and marginalized groups; development and new peasant movement

UNIT IV Contemporary Concerns on Development

Food security; health care; Swadeshi movement; sustainable agriculture; alternative development; Post Development

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Course Code: SOC–552

Type: Elective Course

Semester: Spring

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

UNIT I Basic Concepts

Interrelationship between polity and society; Political socialization; Political culture; Political efficacy; Political Modernization; Elites and leaders; factions; Interest groups; Civil society

UNIT II Theories of Political Sociology

Classical – Durkheim, Max Weber, Karl Marx
Elitist– Mosca, Pareto, Mitchels, Mills
Pluralist – Tocqueville & Dahl

UNIT III Political Parties and Political processes in India:

Political Parties: Types, characteristics, social composition and recruitment; participation, Interest aggregation; mobilization and articulation; Voting Behaviour; Coalition politics

Role of social milieu in Indian polity

UNIT IV Ethnicity and Nation-building in South-Asia

Citizenship, ethnicity and Nation-building in South Asia; Role of Mass-media and ICT in polity; Policy analysis

Field work*/ Library based Exercise

Course Code: SOC –532
Type: Lab Course/Practical
Semester: Spring
L-T-P-C (0-1-3-4)

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SEMESTER - III

ADVANCED SOCIAL THEORIES

Course Code: SOC-507
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Core Course
Semester: Autumn

UNIT- I Basic Concepts

Post-modernity; Post-colonialism; Power and Knowledge; Agency-Structure; Habitus; McDonaldisation

UNIT II Critical Theories

- Jurgen Habermas - Public Sphere and Communicative Action
- Adorno and Horkheimer - Dialectics of Enlightenment
- Judith Butler- Feminist Theory

UNIT III Postmodern Theories

- Michael Foucault - Discourse, Knowledge & Power
- Lyotard - The Postmodern Condition
- Jacques Derrida - Deconstruction

UNIT IV The Changing World Order

- Anthony Giddens- Structuration, The Constitution of Society, The Consequences of Modernity
- Pierre Bourdieu - Outline of a Theory of Practice
- Ulrich Beck - Risk Society

SOCIOLOGY OF EXCLUSION AND INCLUSIVE POLICIES IN INDIA

Course Code: SOC-554
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Elective Course
Semester: Autumn

UNIT I Understanding Exclusion and Marginalization:

Inequality, Capability, justice; exclusion; Humiliation; deprivation; exploitation, Marginalization

UNIT II Dimensions of Social Exclusion and its consequences:

Social Exclusion – Concept, Approaches and Forms; Life course perspective on social exclusion; Education and Exclusion; Gender and Exclusion; Health and Exclusion

UNIT III Significant thinkers on Social Exclusion and marginalized:

Social Thinkers - Views of Jyotirao Phule; Periyar; M.K Gandhi; Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Ram Manohar Lohia

UNIT IV Contemporary Policies for the Inclusion of Excluded categories:

Policies for Excluded categories (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBC Religious Minorities, Disabled (stigmatized ailments) and their consequences

Role of NGO's in the welfare of marginalized sections

POPULATION STUDIES AND GERONTOLOGY

Course Code: SOC-556
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Elective Course
Semester: Autumn

UNIT I Introduction to Social Demography and Theories of Population

Population studies, Social demography

Population Census, Vital registration

Population Structure: Age and Sex

Population Dynamics: Fertility, Mortality and Migration

Population Theories: Malthusian, optimum population; demographic transition; contemporary theories

UNIT II Population Growth and its Implications in India

Implications of Population growth on migration, development, poverty, and unemployment

Population Policies and their consequences: Family Planning and Family Welfare

UNIT III Introduction to Gerontology/ sociology of ageing

Gerontology; generation gap

Consequences of growing aged population in India and China

Theoretical perspectives on aging: Continuity and Disengagement

UNIT IV Care Giving and Social Security for the Aged Population

Care Giving Agencies and Process - family, government, NGOs, and Old Age Homes

Social Security Programmes in India and Japan: Towards Quality ageing

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

Course Code: SOC-557
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Elective Course
Semester: Autumn

UNIT I Basic Concepts

Meaning and Types; Basic Education, De-schooling; Critical Pedagogy, Counter-School Culture; Cultural Capital; Curriculum as an Ideology, Knowledge Industry

UNIT II Theoretical Perspectives of Education

Functionalist Perspective (Durkheim & Parsons); Modernist Perspective (Dewey); Critical Perspective (Michael Apple); Social Reproduction (Bourdieu); Feminist Perspective (Skeggs)

UNIT III Education and Social Order

Education, Family and Socialization; Education and Modernization; Education, Stratification and mobility; Education and Employment; Affirmative Policies of Education

UNIT IV Implications of Liberalization on Education

Alternative Education and Non-Government Initiatives; Higher Education Policies and Privatization; Skill Development

Field work*/ Library based Exercise

Course Code: SOC –533
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L-T-P-C (0-1-3-4)

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SEMESTER - IV

SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH: LOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES

Course Code: SOC-508

Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4

Course Type: Core

Semester: Spring

UNIT I Philosophical Issues in social science research

Forms and Types of Knowledge; Reason and Science; Inductive and Deductive Logic; Value and Value-neutrality in Social Sciences; Ethics in Social Sciences; Cross-Cultural Research

UNIT II Components of Social Research

Concept, Definition, Classification, Hypothesis, Theory, Fact, Identification of Research Problem, Empirical Generalizations

UNIT III Methodological Perspectives in Social Research

Positivism and Its Critiques; Verstehen, Conjectures and Refutations

Comparative, Functional, Dialectical and Ethnographic Methods

UNIT IV Explanations and Critical Social Research in Social Sciences:

Genetic, Intentional and Functional Explanations; Empirical Generalizations; Grand Theories and Middle-Range Theories,

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

Course Code: SOC-560
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Elective Course
Semester: Spring

UNIT I Sociology of Health: Basic Concepts and Approaches

Health, illness, sickness, diseases, healing, hygiene; Medicalization; Medical Model

Dimensions and indicators of health

Social epidemiology: Approaches

UNIT II Perspectives on Sociology of Health

Functionalist, Conflict, Interactionist, and Post-Modern

UNIT III Health Care Institutions

Family and Health care: The elderly, gender

State and health Care: Health for all; maternal and child health; family welfare programs; Drug policies and patents; Sanitation

Hospitals and Health Care: Hospital as a social organization (Doctors, Nurses and Patients); Community Health Care; Rural Health Programs; Commercialization of health care services

Unit IV Indigenous Knowledge systems of medicine in Developing Countries

Systems of Medicine and alternative practices; NGOs and Health Care; Communicable diseases

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

Course Code: SOC-561
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Elective Course
Semester: Spring

UNIT I Meaning and Dynamics of Social Movements

Meaning and Types: Reform, Revival, Revolution; Social Movements and Social Change; Schisms and Splits; Counter-Movements; Leadership and Social Movements; Media and Social Movements

UNIT II Theories of Social Movements

Structural- Functional; Marxist; Weberian; Contemporary

UNIT III Old Social Movements in India

Nationalist Movement; Tribal Movement; Peasant Movement; Labour Movement; Ethnic movement

UNIT IV New Social Movements in India

Dalit Movement; Women's Movement; Environmental Movement

RURAL SOCIOLOGY: INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

Course Code: SOC-562

Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4

Course Type: Elective Course

Semester: Spring

UNIT I Introduction to Rural society and Peasants:

Rural Sociology: Origin and growth; Methodological issues on Village Studies: Folk-Urban Continuum, Little Community, conceptualizing peasantry: Peasants vs Farmers

UNIT II Theorizing Peasantry:

Lenin's theory of agrarian capitalist development, Chayanov's theory of peasant economy, Marx on peasantry; Post-Marxian views on the peasantry –Daniel Thorner, T. Shanin

UNIT III Agrarian Social Structure in India:

Changing Rural Family: Structure and functions

Caste: Elaboration of caste ranking, Caste-class nexus

Rural Economy and Polity: Agrarian classes - landlord, peasant, tenant, and labourer; changing rural power structure after 73rd and 74th constitutional amendment.

UNIT IV Developmental Concerns in Rural society:

Land reforms and its consequences; implications of green revolution; feminization of agriculture, Food Security and Sustainable agriculture; cultivators' suicide

Rural poverty, ICT and Rural Development; Globalization and agriculture (IPRs, WTO/GATT etc)

Field work*/ Library based Exercise

Course Code: SOC –534
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L-T-P-C (0-1-3-4)

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