

Sociology

Course Title: Sociology
Course No: SCO105
Nature of the Course: Theory
Semester: I

Full Marks: 80 + 20
Pass Marks: 32 + 8
Credit Hrs: 3

Course Description:

This course familiarizes students with the subject matter of sociology in terms of broader understanding of society in relation to information technology. It helps students understand the importance of sociology as its relationship to other sciences. More importantly, it enhances the capability of understanding and analyzing society so that they can apply information technology with better understanding of social structure, social system, social processes, and social institutions to bring social change using new information technology.

Course Objectives:

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

- Describe sociology and discuss its relationship to other sciences (social sciences; history, psychology, anthropology, economics and political science including management and education as well as pure sciences; information technology, biology, and so on).
- Comprehend and explain the fundamental sociological concepts.
- Discuss social structure, social system, social processes, etc. in relation to information technology
- Analyze social structure, social system, cultural practices and develop a framework of applying new information technology in proper way.

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction (9 Hrs.)

- a) What is sociology? Sociological viewpoint; the origins of sociology; perspectives within sociology; sociology and social concerns; sociology's four realms.
- b) Relationship between sociology and other social and natural sciences: focus on sociology and information technology; biology; chemistry; anthropology; psychology; management; education; law, etc.
- c) Traditional society and technological society
- d) Sociology and the twenty first century

Unit 2: The Fundamentals of Society (9 Hrs.)

- a) Culture: culture and human intelligence; culture, nation, and society
- b) The components of culture: symbols; language; values and beliefs; norms; ideal and real culture; material culture and technology; new information technology and culture
- c) Development of culture around the world: cultural universals; globalization, diffusion, and technology

Unit 3: The Social Structure (12 Hrs.)

- a) The sustaining forces of codes and custom: the more and social control; the major forms of social codes; social codes and the individual life
- b) The major forms of social structure: types of social groups; the family; the community; city, country, and region; social class and caste; ethnic and racial groups; herd, crowd, and mass communication; associations and interests; the great association: political and economic; functional systems
- c) Information technology and social structure

Unit 4: Social Institutions and Processes (9 Hrs.)

- a) Social structure, societies and civilizations
- b) Science, technology and society
- c) Economic institutions,
- d) Political institutions,
- e) The family and kinship
- f) Social differentiation and stratification

Unit 5: Social Change (6 Hrs.)

- a) Change, development, progress
- b) Factors in social change
- c) Modernity
- d) Post-modernity
- e) Globalization and changing world

Unit 6: Application of Sociology (3 Hrs.)

- a) Sociology, social policy and social planning,
- b) Social problems

Required Readings:**Unit 1: Introduction**

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- Schaefer, Richard T. 2006. *Sociology: A Brief Introduction*. Sixth Edition. Pp. 3-26. New Delhi: TATA MCGRAW-HILL.
- Inkeles, Alex. 2001. *What is sociology? An introduction to the discipline and profession*. Pp. 1-17; 18-24; 28-46. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India pvt. Ltd.
- Macionis, John J. 1987. *Sociology*. Eighth Edition. Pp. 1-24. New Jersey: Prentice Hall of India.
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Unit 2: The Fundamentals of Society

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- Macionis, John J. 1987. *Sociology*. Eighth Edition. Pp. 59-88. New Jersey: Prentice Hall of India.
- Schaefer, Richard T. 2006. *Sociology: A Brief Introduction*. Sixth Edition. Pp. 55-78. New Delhi: TATA MCGRAW-HILL.
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- Giddens, Anthony. 2006. *Sociology*. Fifth Edition. Pp. 30-71. New Delhi: Polity Press.

Unit 6: Application of Sociology

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