

Course Code: SOC 401

Course Name: Social Structure

Credits Equivalent: 02 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures / organized classroom activity / contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work / practical / field work / Tutorial / teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/ group work; obligatory/ optional work placement; literature survey/ library work; data collection/ field work; writing of papers/ projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.)

Course Outcomes: The course is intended to introduce some important concepts of sociology:

- CO-1:** To develop an understanding of sociological perspectives
- CO-2:** To make students familiar with various institutions
- CO-3:** To understand the structure of society.
- CO-4:** To understand the emergence of social institutions

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Mid Term Examination: 25%
- End Term Examination: 50%
- Continuous Internal Assessment: 25%

COURSE CONTENTS:

UNIT - I: Sociology: Discipline and Perspective

(8 Hours)

- Emergence of the Discipline
- Understanding Sociological Perspective
- Relationship of Sociology with other Social Sciences
- Sociology as a Scientific Discipline
- Scope of Sociology

UNIT - II: Sociological Concepts

(8 Hours)

- Norms and Values,
- Culture, Socialization, Institution, Association, Community
- Social Stratification, Race and Ethnicity
- Agency and Identity
- Social Organization

UNIT -III: Social Institutions

(8 Hours)

- Marriage, family, Education, Economy, Polity, Religion
- Government, Healthcare, Law, Science, Medicine, Military
- Functions of Social Institutions
- Characteristics of Social Institutions
- Impact of Social Institutions on Society

UNIT :- IV Social Control and Change

(8 Hours)

- Concept, Theories and Types
- Types of Social Control- Direct and Indirect
- Positive and Negative means
- Conscious and Unconscious Control
- Use of Punishment and Reward

UNIT- V: Social Structure

(8 Hours)

- Defining Structure
- The Bases of Structure
- Structure and Function
- Characteristics of social structure
- Status and Role, Role Conflict

Prescribed Text Books:

1. Oxford Dictionary of Sociology (4th revised edition), by John Scott and Gordon Marshall, OUP. New Delhi.
2. The Sage Dictionary of Sociology (2006), by Steve Bruce and Steven Yearley, Sage Publication. New Delhi.
3. Giddens, Anthony and Philip W. Sutton (2001), Sociology (4th Edition), Polity Press. Cambridge, UK.
4. Giddens, Anthony and Philip W. Sutton (2014), Essential Concepts in Sociology, Polity Press. Cambridge, UK.
5. Haralambos and Holborn (2013), Sociology: Themes and Perspective, Harper and Collins. London.
6. Bottomore, T.B. (1962), Sociology: A Guide to Problem and Literature, George Allen and Uniwin. London.
7. Hunt, Chester L. and Paul B. Horton (2004), Sociology, McGraw Hill Education. New Delhi.
8. Gupta, ML AND Dr. DD Sharma.Sahitya Bhawan Samajshastra. SD Infomedia Pvt. Ltd, Samaj kaa Adyayan. IGNOU.