

SOCIOLOGY
B.A – PAPER 1 – INVITATION TO SOCIOLOGY
FIRST SEMESTER
SEP SYLLABUS (2024 ONWARDS)

COURSE CODE: SOC – DSC - S1
NO. OF CREDITS: 5

TOTAL NO. OF HOURS: 60

COURSE OUTCOMES:

By the end of the semester, the student should be able to:

- To analyse social processes through different theoretical lenses.
- To examine the dynamics of social change.
- To develop critical thinking skills and the ability to apply sociological concepts to real-world issues.

COURSE OUTLINE:

CHAPTER: 1 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

10 HRS

What is Sociology?

- Definition, Nature and scope of sociology
- Subject Matter and Importance
- The relationship between sociology and other social sciences
The sociological Imagination (C. Wright Mills)

CHAPTER: 2 - SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

15 HRS

Basic tenets of structural functionalism, conflict theory, and feminism

- **Structural Functionalism**-Overview
 - ❖ Talcott Parsons' AGIL framework
 - ❖ Emile Durkheim's collective conscience
- **Conflict Theory:**
 - ❖ Power and Inequality-Karl Marx
 - ❖ Karl Marx's view on class struggle
- **Feminism:**
 - ❖ Gender Inequality and Power
 - ❖ The examination of gender disparities in various contexts
 - ❖ The impact of power dynamics on gender relations
 - ❖ Key Concepts and Theorists
 - ❖ Challenges to traditional gender roles

CHAPTER: 3 - FAMILY

10 HRS

- Introduction-Overview, Importance of Studying Family from Multiple Perspectives -
Functions of the Family
 - ❖ Family as a Pillar of Social Order
 - ❖ Criticisms of Structural Functionalism
 - ❖ Family as an Arena of Inequality
 - ❖ Economic Inequality within Families
 - ❖ Patriarchy and Gender Dynamics
- Feminist Perspectives to Study Family-Overview
 - ❖ Challenges to Traditional Family Norms and Modern Family Norms

CHAPTER: 4 - MARRIAGE

10 HRS

- Functions of Marriage
- Marriage as a Stabilizing Social Institution - Criticisms of Structural Functionalism
- Marriage as an Arena of Power and Inequality - Economic Dependence and Control
- Gender Roles in Marriage
- Division of Domestic Labour
- Socialization of Gender Roles
- Power Dynamics and Marital Inequality - Challenges to Traditional Marital Norms

CHAPTER: 5 - EDUCATION AND ECONOMY

15 HRS

- **Education: Meaning, Definitions and Types- Functions**
 - ❖ Education as an agency of Socialisation - Recent Trends in Education
- **Economy: Importance of Studying the Economy in Relation to Family and Marriage - Economic Functions of the Family**
 - ❖ Provision of Resources
 - ❖ Economic Support and Stability
 - ❖ Roles in Workforce and Household Management Family as an Economic Unit
 - ❖ Gendered Division of Labour
 - ❖ Economic Dependence and Independence
 - ❖ Impact of Economic Policies on Gender Roles Suggested Activities, Gender Budgeting

READING MATERIAL

CHAPTER: 1 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

- Giddens, A., Duneier, M., Appelbaum, R. P., & Carr, D. (2017). Introduction of Sociology (10th ed.). W.W. Norton & Company. (Chapter 1)
- Mills, C. W. (1959). The Sociological Imagination. Oxford University Press. (Introduction 3. Ritzer, G., & Stepnisky, J. (2017). Sociology: A Multiple Paradigm Science. Rutledge. Ritzer, C. & S. (Chapter 1)
- Inkeles, A. (1964). What is sociology?: An introduction to the discipline and profession. Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall.

CHAPTER: 2 - SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

- Ritzer, G. (2021). Sociological Theory (10th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. (Chapters on Structural Functionalism, Conflict Theory, and Feminism)
- Collins, R. (1994). Four Sociological Traditions. Oxford University Press. (Chapters on Functionalism, Conflict Theory, and Feminism)
- Friedan, B. (1963). The Feminine Mystique. W.W. Norton & Company.
- hooks, b. (1984). Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center. South End Press.

CHAPTER 3: FAMILY

- 1. Baca Zinn, M., & Eitzen, D. S. (2016), Diversity in Families (10th ed.). Pearson. (Chapters on Family Theories)
- 2. Coontz, S. (1992). The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap. Basic Books.
- 3. Friedan, B. (1963). The Feminine Mystique. W.W. Norton & Company. (Chapters on Domesticity and Family),
- 4. hooks, b. (2000). Feminism is for Everybody: Passionate Politics. South End Press. (Chapters on Family and Patriarchy)

CHAPTER 4: MARRIAGE

- Cherlin, A. J. (2021). Public and Private Families: An Introduction (8th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education. (Chapters on Marriage and Family Structure)
- Coontz, S. (2005). Marriage, a History: How Love Conquered Marriage. Penguin Books.
- Hochschild, A. R., & Machung, A. (2012). The Second Shift: Working Families and the Revolution at Home. Penguin Books.

CHAPTER 5: ECONOMY

- Edin, K., & Lein, L. (1997). Making Ends Meet: How Single Mothers Survive Welfare and Low-Wage Work. Russell Sage Foundation.
- Hochschild, A. R. (2012). The Outsourced Self: Intimate Life in Market Times. Metropolitan Books.
- Stacey, J. (1990). Brave New Families: Stories of Domestic Upheaval in Late Twentieth-Century America. Basic Books.

EDUCATION: MEANING, DEFINITIONS, AND TYPES READING LIST:

- Dewey, J. (1916). Democracy and Education. New York: Macmillan.
- Durkheim, E. (1956). Education and Sociology. Free Press.
- Illich, I. (1971). Deschooling Society. New York: Harper & Row.
- Jayaram N. (2022) Sociology of education in India, Rawat Publication, New Delhi.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. Class Discussion: Discuss how family structures have evolved in different cultures. Compare and contrast the functions of family in various societies.
2. Case Study Analysis: Analyze a case study of a family through the lens of structural functionalism, conflict theory, and feminist perspectives.
3. Role Play: - Create role-play scenarios to explore family dynamics from different theoretical perspectives.
4. Debate: - Organize a debate on the effectiveness of different perspectives in understanding modern family issues.

MARRIAGE SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

1. Panel Discussion: - Invite experts to discuss the changing nature of marriage and its implications for society.
2. Survey: Conduct a survey to gather views on marriage norms and compare results using different theoretical lenses.
3. Film Analysis: - Watch a film depicting marital relationships and analyze it from structural-functional, conflict, and feminist perspectives.
4. Essay Writing: - Write an essay comparing the role of marriage in different cultural contexts through various sociological perspectives.

ECONOMY

1. Research Project: - Conduct research on how economic policies affect family structures and present findings in class.
2. Simulation: - Create a simulation where students must manage a family budget under different economic conditions and analyze the outcomes.
3. Group Discussion: - Discuss the impact of economic crises on families using different sociological theories.
4. Literature Review: - Review and summarize scholarly articles on the relationship between economy and family dynamics.

INTEGRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Comparative Essay: - Write a comparative essay on how each perspective (structural-functional, conflict, feminist) views the interconnections between family, marriage, and economy.
2. Group Presentation: - Form groups and present a comprehensive analysis of a specific issue (e.g., gender pay gap, divorce rates) from all three perspectives.
3. Field Study: - Conduct field studies or interviews with families to understand real-world applications of theoretical perspectives.
4. Interactive Workshop: - Organize workshops where students can apply theoretical perspectives to contemporary issues affecting families, marriages, and economic situations.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT MARKS: 20

Assessment Type	Weightage in marks
Test	10
Field Visit & Report	10
Total	20
