

Introduction to Sociology - Web course

COURSE OUTLINE

The target group of this course consists of students and members of faculty drawn from institutions engaged in engineering programmes at undergraduate level. The objectives of this course are to:

- Expose the students to a broad critical introduction to the discipline;
 - Explore the nature of the Indian family in the contemporary context since the sociology of the family has been an important area of study in social anthropology and has been traditionally linked with the studies of marriage and kinship.
 - Examine the gender relations within the family especially in the liaison between work and family;
 - Provide a sociological perspective on the origin, development and characteristics of rural and urban societies, and deal with both the structural and processual aspects of change in the urban and agrarian societies;
 - Provide a critical analysis of different social issues in Indian society;
 - Introduce the concepts, theories and case studies that seek to clarify protest as a social, cultural, political, economic and historical phenomenon which has the potential to unleash larger implications for policy changes, social reforms, and even economic and political revolutions.
- i. Introduction to the Study of Society
 - ii. Social Institutions
 - iii. Social Structure and Social Change
 - iv. Socialisation
 - v. Social Issues
 - vi. Social Protest
 - vii. Key Thinkers

COURSE DETAIL

Module	Topics and Contents	No. of Lectures

NPTEL

<http://nptel.iitm.ac.in>

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Additional Reading:

1. Berger, Peter L. 1963. *Invitation to Sociology: A Humanistic Perspective*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.
2. Coulson, M.A. and Riddell, C. 1980. *Approaching Sociology*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.
3. Jenks, Chris. Ed. 1998. *Core Sociological Dichotomies*. London: Sage.
4. Worsley, Peter. Ed. 1970. *Modern Sociology: Introductory Readings*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Hyperlinks:

- <http://www.umsl.edu/~keelr/010/010lec.html>
- http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikibooks/en/8/8b/Introduction_to_sociology.pdf

1	Introduction Origin of Sociology as a Discipline Sociological Methods The Individual and Society Institution, Community and Association Culture The Sociology of Anomie: Conformity and Deviance Questions	6
2	Institutions Education Religion Kinship Marriage Family Questions	6
3	Social Structure and Social Change Social Structure and Social Change: Basic Concepts Social Differentiation and Social Stratification Theoretical Perspectives on Social Stratification Systems of Stratification Factors of Social Change Rural-Urban Continuum: Meaning and Context Questions	6
4	Socialisation Socialisation Social Control Social Roles and Identity Questions	4
5	Social Issues Caste System in India Race and Ethnicity Religion and Society Education and Society Gender Social Class Questions	6

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6	Social Protests and Social Movements Social Protests and Social Movements: An Overview Social Movements: Causes and Stages Theories of Social Movements Social Movements in India Identity Formation Questions	6
7	Key Thinkers Sociological Theories: An Overview Auguste Comte and Herbert Spencer Emile Durkheim and Max Weber Karl Marx Georg Simmel, Thorstein Veblen and Karl Mannheim Feminism and Sociological Theory Questions	6
Total		40

References:

1. A. Inkeles, *What is Sociology: An Introduction to the Discipline and Profession*, Prentice-Hall of India Private Ltd., 1977.
2. A. Giddens, *Sociology*, Polity Press, 2006.
3. T.B. Bottomore, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Blackie and Sons Publishers, 1978.
4. R.M. MacIver and C.H. Page, *Society: An Introductory Analysis*, The Macmillan Co. India Pvt. Ltd., 1974.
5. R. Bierstedt, *The Social Order*, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. Ltd., 1970.
6. E.A. Ross, *Social Psychology*, Macmillan, 1921.
7. P. Uberoi, ed., *Family, Marriage and Kinship*, Asian Publishing House, 1993.

