UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

SYLLABUS

B.A. (PROGRAMME) - SOCIOLOGY
## Course: B.A. (Programme) Sociology

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   1.1 History of Sociology
   1.2 Relationship of Sociology with other social sciences:
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2. Sociological Concepts and Perspectives - I
   2.1 Culture
   2.2 Socialization
   2.3 Groups
   2.4 Institutions
   2.5 Status and Role

3. Doing Sociology through Media and Other Sources - I

Readings

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology
   1.1 History of Sociology    (Weeks 1-3)


   1.2 Relationship of Sociology with other social sciences:
      Anthropology, psychology and history    (Weeks 4-6)

2. Sociological Concepts and Perspectives - I

2.1 Culture (Weeks 7-8)

Ch. 8. *The Meaning of Culture*
Ch. 9.*The Content of Culture*
Ch. 10.*The Acquisition of Culture*

2.2 Socialisation (Week 9)


2.3 Groups (Week 10)


2.4 Institutions (Weeks 11-12)


2.5 Status and Role (Week 13)


3. Doing Sociology through Media and Other Sources - I (films, newspapers and magazines, literature, field trips etc.) (Week 14)

Note: The content of topic III will not be used for examination purposes and is left to the discretion of the teachers and the respective colleges.
1. Sociological Concepts and Perspective – II

1.1 Structure and Function
1.2 Difference and Inequality
1.3 Social Control and Deviance
1.4 Social Change

2. Theoretical Orientations

2.1 Functionalism
2.2 Marxism

3. Doing Sociology through Media and Other Sources - I

Readings

1. Sociological Concepts and Perspective – II

1.1 Structure and Function  (Weeks 1-2)
Ch.9  *On the Concept of Function in social science.*  Pg.: 178-187.
Ch.10. *On Social Structure.*  Pg.: 188-204.

1.2 Difference and Inequality  (Week 3)

1.3 Social Control and Deviance (Week 4)

1.4 Social Change  (Weeks 5-6)
2. Theoretical Orientations

2.1 Functionalism (Weeks 7-9)


2.3 Marxism (Weeks 10-13)


3. Doing Sociology through Media and Other Sources - I (films, newspapers and magazines, literature, field trips etc.) (Week 14)

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1. Caste System in India
   1.1 Features of the caste system
   1.2 Varna and Jati
   1.3 Dominant Castes
   1.4 Mobility in the caste system

2. Agrarian Classes

3. Kinship

4. Village

5. Tribes

Readings

1. Caste System in India

1.1 Features of the Caste System (Week 1)


1.2 Varna and Jati (Weeks 2-3)

1.3 Dominant Castes (Week 4)


1.4 Mobility in the caste system (Weeks 5-6)


2. Agrarian Classes (Weeks 7-8)


3. Kinship (Weeks 9-10)


4. Village (Week 11)


5. Tribes (Weeks 12-14)


1. **Tradition and Modernity**

2. **India as a Plural Society**

3. **Identities and Social Change**
   3.1 **Caste**
   3.2 **Gender**

4. **Communalism and Secularism**

**Readings**

1. **Tradition and Modernity**  (Week 1-3)
   

2. **India as a Plural Society**  (Weeks 4-6)
   

3. **Identities and Social Change**
   
   3.1 **Caste**  (Weeks 7-9)
   
   

   3.2 **Gender**  (Weeks 10-11)
   
   Kumar, Radha. 1999 “From chipko to sati: The contemporary women’s movement”, in Nivedita Menon ed. *Gender and Politics in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press (pp.342-369).
4. **Communalism and Secularism** (Weeks 12-13)

Madan, T.N. 1997 Modern Myths and Locked Minds. Delhi. OUP. (ch.8).


1 week for literature, films or other ways of engaging with the issues associated with the paper.
1. Karl Marx

1.1 Materialist Conception of History

1.2 Class and Class Struggle.

2. Emile Durkheim

2.1 Social Fact

2.2 Forms of Solidarity

3. Max Weber

3.1 Ideal Types and Social Action

3.2 Types of Authority

Readings

1. Karl Marx

1.1 Materialist Conception of History (Weeks 1-2.5)

1.2 Class and Class Struggle. (Weeks 2.5-5)


2. Emile Durkheim
2.1 Social Fact (Weeks 6-7)


2.2 Forms of Solidarity (Weeks 8-10)

Readings common to both the topics:


Jayapalan, N. 2001 *Sociological Theories*. Atlantic Publisher. (pp-146-178).

3 Max Weber

3.1 Ideal Types and Social Action (Weeks 11-12)

3.2 Types of Authority (Weeks 13-14)


1. Talcott Parsons
   1.1 Action Systems

2. G.H. Mead
   2.1 Symbolic Interactionism

3. Erving Goffman
   3.1 Dramaturgical Approach

4. Pierre Bourdieu
   4.1 Habitus

Readings:
1. Talcott Parsons
   1.1 Action Systems (Weeks 1-3)


Chatterji, R, 2001-2002. ‘Talcott Parsons’ in Department of Correspondence Studies. Punjab University, Chandigarh.


2. **G.H. Mead**

   2.1 **Symbolic Interactionism (Weeks 4-6)**


3. **Erving Goffman**

   3.1 **Dramaturgical Approach (Weeks 7-9)**


   Tim, Delaney 2005. *Contemporary Social Theory: Investigation and Application*. Pearson Education Inc. (pp. 120-125).


4. **Pierre Bourdieu**

   4.1 **Habitus (Weeks 10-12)**


   Two weeks for interactive sessions on any of the themes covered in this paper.

   The interactive sessions will not be a part of the examination.