Course Objectives:

This course provides a critical understanding of the interface between population and society. It analyses the role of fertility, mortality and migration on the composition, size, and structure of population. The course addresses the issue of domestic and international population movements and their economic, political and social implications.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to
1. Demonstrate a knowledge of key concepts in and different approaches to population studies.
2. Recognise the relations between population and social groups and processes by linking population size, composition, and growth with fertility, reproduction, and mortality.
3. Explain the dynamics between population, gender, and migration in terms of the role of institutions, policies and programmes, and social relations and groups.
4. Undertake a sociological analysis of international and national population dynamics and population policies.

Course Outline

Unit 1. Introducing Population Studies

    1.1. Sociology and Demography
    1.2. Concepts and Approaches

Unit 2. Population, Social Structure and Processes

    2.1. Age and Sex Structure, Population Size and Growth
    2.2. Fertility, Reproduction and Mortality

Unit 3. Population, Gender and Migration

    3.1. Population and Gender
3.2. Politics of Migration

Unit 4. Population Dynamics and Development

4.1. Population as Constraints and Resources for Development
4.2. Population Programmes and Policies

Course Content:

Unit 1. Introducing Population Studies [Weeks 1-3]

1.1. Sociology and Demography


1.2. Concepts and Approaches


Unit 2. Population, Social Structure and Processes [Weeks 4-6]

2.1. Age and Sex Structure, Population Size and Growth


2.2. Fertility, Reproduction and Mortality


Unit 3. Population, Gender and Migration [Weeks 7-10]

3.1. Population and Gender


3.2. Politics of Migration


Unit 4. Population Dynamics and Development: [Weeks 11-14]

4.1. Population as Constraints and Resources for Development


4.2. Population Programmes and Policies


References

Compulsory Readings


**Additional Resources**


Census of India

Gazetteers


Teaching Learning Process

1. Lectures supported by group tutorial work
2. Field-based learning through group projects
3. Seminars
4. Invited Lectures
5. Analysis of Census data
6. Films and documentary screenings
7. Field visits

Assessment Methods

Time-constrained Examinations, Class tests, Assignments, Project reports, Presentations

Key Words

Sociology and Demography, Population, Social Structure and Processes, Fertility, Reproduction, Mortality, Gender, Migration, Development, Resources, Programmes, Policies