UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

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SEMESTER BASED UNDER-GRADUATE HONOURS COURSES

Distribution of Marks & Teaching Hours

The Semester-wise distribution of papers for the B.A. (Honours), B.Com. (Honours), B. Com., B.Sc. (Honours) Statistics and B.Sc. (Honours) Computer Science will be as follows:

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- Size of the Tutorial Group will be in accordance with the existing norms.
- The existing syllabi of all Concurrent/Credit Courses shall remain unchanged.
- The existing criteria for opting for the Concurrent /Credit Courses shall also remain unchanged.
1. Nature and Scope of Sociology

1.1 The Sociological Perspective
1.2 Origins and History of the Discipline

2. Sociological Concepts

2.1 Individual and Group
2.2 Culture
2.3 Social Change

3. Theoretical Orientations

3.1 Functionalism
3.2 Marxism

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology

1.1 The Sociological Perspective (Weeks 1-2)


1.2 Origins and History of the Discipline (Weeks 3-4)


2. Sociological Concepts

2.1 Individual and Group (Weeks 5-6)


1.2 Culture (Weeks 7-8)


1.3 Social Change (Weeks 9-10)


3. Theoretical Orientations

3.1 Functionalism (Weeks 11-12)


3.2 Marxism (Weeks 13-14)


Sociology of India I
Paper 2 / Semester 1

1. Introduction

1.1 The Rise of Sociology and Anthropology in India

2. Social Institutions

2.1 Caste
2.2 Class
2.3 Tribes
2.4 Village
2.5 Kinship
2.6 Religion

3. Visual Programme

Contemporary sources on social institutions

1. Introduction

1.1 The Rise of Sociology and Anthropology in India (Week 1)


2. Social Institutions

2.1 Caste

2.1.1 Features of the Caste System (Week 2)


2.1.2 Caste and Varna (Week 3)

2.1.3 The Brahmanical Approach and its critique (Week 4)


2.2 Class (Weeks 5-6)


2.3 Tribes (Weeks 7-8)


2.4 Village (Week 9)


2.5 Kinship (Week 10)


2.6 Religion (Weeks 11-13)


3. **Visual Programme (Week 14).**

Contemporary sources on social institutions

No readings and no examination on this section.

The section is to be based on a visual programme and interactive session at the teacher’s discretion and is to be concerned with the various topics covered in Paper II during Semester I.
Introduction to Sociology – II
Paper 3 / Semester 2

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology: Sociology and its Relationship with Other Social Sciences
   1.1 History
   1.2 Social Anthropology
   1.3 Psychology

2. Sociological Concepts
   2.1 Order & Social Control
   2.2 Difference & Inequality
   2.3 Institutions

3. Theoretical Orientations
   3.1 Interpretive Sociology
   3.2 Interactionism

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology: Sociology and its Relationship with Other Social Sciences.

1.1 History (Week 1)
Burke, Peter, 1980, Sociology and History, George Allen and Unwin, Chap. 1.

1.2 Social Anthropology (Week 2)

1.3 Psychology (Week 3)
2. Sociological Concepts

2.1 Order & Social Control (Weeks 4-5)


2.2 Difference and Inequality (Weeks 6-7)


2.3 Institutions (Weeks 8-9)


3. Theoretical Orientations

3.1 Interpretive Sociology (Weeks 10-11)


3.2 Interactionism (Weeks 12-13)


Plus 1 week for other modes of teaching like visual aids, day long field trips, etc.
Sociology of India II
Paper 4 /Semester 2

1. India as an Object of Knowledge
   1.1 Introduction
   1.2 The Colonial Discourse
   1.3 The Nationalist discourse
   1.4 Subaltern Critique

2. Social Change
   2.1 Change and Resistance
   2.2 Sanskritization and Westernization
   2.3 The Dalit Movement in India
   2.4 The Women’s Movement in India
   2.5 Peasant Movements
   2.6 Middle Class Aspirations

3. Communalism, Secularism and Nationalism
   3.1 Communalism
   3.2 Secularism
   3.3 Nationalism

4. Contemporary Sources on Indian Society

1. India as an Object of Knowledge

1.1. Introduction (Week 1)


1.2. The Colonial Discourse (Week 2)

1.3. **The Nationalist discourse (Week 3)**


1.4. **Subaltern Critique (Week 4)**


2. **SOCIAL CHANGE**

2.1 **Change and Resistance**

2.2 **Sanskritization and Westernization (Weeks 5-6)**


2.3 **The Dalit Movement in India (Week 7)**


2.4 **The Women’s Movement in India (Week 8)**


2.5 **Peasant Movements (Week 9)**


2.6 **Middle Class Aspirations (Week 10)**

Mazzarella, W., 2005 “Middle Class” in Rachel Dwyer(ed), *South Asia Keywords*, On- line Encyclopedia of the SOAS.

3. **Communalism, Secularism and Nationalism**
3.1.  Communalism (Week 11)


3.2.  Secularism (Week 12)


3.3.  Nationalism (Week 13)


4.  Visual Programme (Week 14)

Contemporary Sources on Indian Society

No readings and no examination on this section.

The section is to be based on a visual programme and interactive session at the teacher’s discretion and is to be concerned with the various topics covered in Paper II, Semester II.
Thinking Through Religion

1.1 The sacred and the profane
1.2 Magic, science and religion

Representations of World Religions

2.1 Islam
2.1 Hinduism
2.1 Christianity

Religious Practices

3.1 Rites of passage
3.2 Practices of inversion

Thinking Through Religion (Weeks 1-6)

1.1 The sacred and the profane
1.2 Magic, science and religion


Representations of World Religions

Islam (Weeks 7-8)


Hinduism (Weeks 9-10)

2.3 Christianity (Weeks 11-12)


3. Religious Practices

3.1 Rites of passage (Week 13)


3.2 Practices of inversion (Week 14)

1. Perspectives in Economic Sociology
   1.1 Formalism and Substantivism
   1.2 New Economic Sociology

2. Forms of Exchange
   2.1 Reciprocity and Gift
   2.2 Exchange and Money

3. Systems of Production, Circulation and Consumption
   3.1 Hunting and Gathering
   3.2 Domestic mode of Production
   3.3 Peasant
   3.4 Capitalism
   3.5 Socialism

4. Globalization, Economy and Society

1. Perspectives in Economic Sociology (Weeks 1-4)

1.1 Formalism and Substantivism


1.2 New Economic Sociology


2. **Forms of Exchange (Weeks 5-7)**

2.1 **Reciprocity and Gift**


2.2 **Exchange and Money**


3. **Systems of Production, Circulation and Consumption (Weeks 8-11)**

3.1 **Hunting and Gathering**


3.2 **Domestic Mode of Production**


3.3 **Peasant**


3.4 **Capitalism**

3.5 Socialism


4. Globalization, Economy and Society (Weeks 12-13)


One Week for other modes of teaching like visual aids, discussions, field experience etc.
1. Introduction to the Study of Kinship

1.1 Basic concepts: descent, filiation, residence, incest, consanguinity, affinity, corporate and non-corporate groups, family.

1.2 Approaches:

1.2.1 Descent, Inheritance, Authority, Residence
1.2.2 Alliance
1.2.3 Cultural

2. Conceptualising Family, Household and Marriage

3. Re-casting Kinship

3.1 Kinship and Gender
3.2 Relatedness
3.3 Re-imagining Families
3.4 New Reproductive Technologies

4. Visual Programme

1. Introduction to the Study of Kinship (Weeks 1-5)


2. Conceptualising Family, Household and Marriage (Weeks 6-9)


3. Re-casting Kinship (Weeks 10-13)


4. Visual Programme (Weeks 14)
1. **Nature and context of the Sociological study of Politics**

2. **Concepts and Paradigms**
   2.1 **Power and Authority**
   2.2 **Political Systems**
   2.3 **Conflict and Change**
   2.4 **Action and Process in Politics**

3. **State and Society**
   3.1 **States, Classes and Elites**
   3.2 **Democracies and Civil Society**
   3.3 **Protest, Movements and Resistance**

4. **Society and Polity in India**
   4.1 **Society and the Developmental State**
   4.2 **Polity and Identity: Nation and Caste**

1. **Nature and context of the Sociological study of Politics (Week 1)**


2. **Concepts and Paradigms (Weeks 2-6)**

   2.1 **Power and Authority**


2.2 Political Systems


2.3 Conflict and Change


2.4 Action and Process in Politics


3. State and Society (Weeks 7-11)

3.1 States, Classes and Elites


3.2 Democracies and Civil Society


3.3  Protest, Movements and Resistance


4.  Society and Polity in India ( Weeks 12-14)

4.1  Society and the Developmental State


4.2  Polity and Identity: Nation and Caste


Environment and Society
Paper 9 (Optional) / Semester 4


1.1 Nature and Landscape
1.2 The Built Environment

2. Ecological Perspectives

2.1 Cultural Ecology
2.2 Political Ecology

3. Contemporary Environmental Concerns

3.1 Environmental Movements
3.2 Gender and Environment
3.3 Global Issues.

4. Projects / Films.


1.1 Nature and Landscape


1.2 The Built Environment


2. **Ecological Perspectives** (Weeks 5-6)

2.1 **Cultural Ecology**


2.2 **Political Ecology**


3. **Contemporary Environmental Concerns** (Weeks 7-12)

3.1 **Environmental Movements.**


3.2 **Gender and Environment**


3.3 **Global Issues**


4. **Projects / Films** (Weeks 13-14)

No specific readings on this section.

Research Projects and Audio-Visual Presentations at the teacher’s discretion.
Sociology of Gender
Paper 10 (Optional) / Semester 4

1. Gendering Sociology

2. Gender as a Social Construct
   2.1 Sex, Gender, Sexuality
   2.2 Production of Masculinity and Femininity

3. Gender differences and inequalities
   3.1 Gender, Class, Caste, Race
   3.2 Family, Work, and Property Rights

4. Gender, power and resistance
   4.1 Power and Subordination
   4.2 Resistance and Movements

1. Gendering Sociology (Week 1)


2. Gender as a Social Construct

2.1 Sex, Gender, Sexuality (Weeks 2-3)


2.2 Production of Masculinity and Femininity (Weeks 4-5)


3. Gender Differences and Inequalities

3.1 Gender, Class, Caste, Race (Weeks 6-7)


3.2 Family, Work, and Property Rights (Weeks 8-10)


4. Gender, Power and Resistance

4.1 Power and Subordination (Weeks 11-12)


4.2 Resistance and Movements (Weeks 13-14)


Visual Programme: The content and modality to be decided by the Individual department.
Sociological Theories – I
Paper 11 / SEMESTER 5

1. Karl Marx
   1.1 Materialist conception of history
   1.2 Capitalist mode of production

2. Max Weber
   2.1 Social Action and Ideal Types
   2.2 Ideology and Economy

3. Talcott Parsons
   3.1 Action Systems
   3.2 Pattern Variables

References:

1. Karl Marx (Weeks 1-5)


2. Max Weber (Weeks 6-11)


3. Talcott Parsons (Weeks 12-14)


**Supplementary References:**


1. Understanding Social Stratification

1.1 Natural inequalities and social inequalities
1.2 Hierarchy and differences

2. Approaches to study Social Stratification

2.1 Functionalist Approach
2.2 Marxist Approach
2.3 Weberian Approach
2.4 Feminist Approach

3. Social Inclusion and Social Exclusion: Forms of Stratification

3.1 Class
3.2 Occupation

Readings:

1. Understanding Social Stratification  (Week 2)


2. Approaches

2.1 Functionalist Approach (Weeks 3 - 4)


### 2.2 Marxist Approach (Weeks 5-6)


### 2.3 Weberian Approach (Week 7)


### 2.4 Feminist Approach (Week 8)


### 3. Social Inclusion and Social Exclusion: Forms of Stratification

### 3.1 Class (Weeks 9-10)


3.2 Occupation (Week 11)


Three weeks for project work \ Audio visual.
1. Sociology as a Science

1.1 Objectivity, Understanding And Reflexivity

1.3 The Comparative Method

1.4 Relationship Between Theory And Research

1.5 Concepts, Hypotheses, Field (Issues And Contexts)

1.6 Analyzing Data: Qualitative And Quantitative

2. Research Projects

1. Sociology as a Science

1.1 Objectivity, Understanding and Reflexivity  (Weeks 1-5)


1.2 The Comparative Method  (Weeks 6-7)


**1.3 Relationship between Theory and Research  (Week 8)**


**1.4 Concepts, Hypotheses, Field (Issues and Contexts)  (Weeks 9-11)**


**1.5 Analyzing Data: Qualitative and Quantitative  (Weeks 12-13)**


**2. Research Projects (Week 14)**

No specific readings on this section.
Research Projects at the teacher’s discretion.
Urban Sociology (Optional)
Paper 14 / Semester 5

1. Perspectives in the study of urban sociology
   1.1 Ecological
   1.2 Cultural.

2. The city and society
   2.1 The city in history
   2.2 The political economy of the city

3. Dimensions of urban life
   3.1 Neighbourhood
   3.2 Slum
   3.3 Migration
   3.4 Popular culture

1. Perspectives in the study of urban sociology (Weeks 1-4)


2. The city and society (Weeks 5-7)


3. Dimensions of urban life (Weeks 8-14)


1. Industrial Society: Concept and Approaches

1.1 Industrialisation

1.2 Industrialism

1.3 Post-industrial Society

1.4 Information Society

2. Some Aspects of Industrial Society

2.1 Industrial Bureaucracy

2.2 Alienation

2.3 Industrial Conflict

3. Industrialisation in India

3.1 Labour policy: Evolution and Evaluation

3.2 Informal Sector

3.3 Impact of Globalization

1. Industrial Society: Concept and Approaches

1.1 Industrialisation (Weeks 1-2)


1.2 Industrialism (Week 3)


1.3 **Post-industrial Society (Week 4)**


1.4 **Information Society (Week 5)**


2. **Some Aspects of Industrial Society**

2.1 **Industrial Bureaucracy (Week 6)**


2.2 **Alienation (Weeks 7-8)**


2.3 **Industrial Conflict (Weeks 9-10)**


3. **Industrialisation in India**

3.1 **Labour policy: Evolution and Evaluation. (Week 11)**


3.2 **Informal sector (Week 12)**


3.3 **Impact of Globalization (Week 13)**


Week 14 is for visual sources, projects, etc. concerned with the above course, and is to be organized at the discretion of the teacher.

No readings and examination in this part of the course.
1. Emile Durkheim
   1.1 Social Fact
   1.2 Forms of Solidarity

2. G.H Mead and E. Goffman
   2.1 Self and Society

3. Pierre Bourdieu
   3.1 A theory of practice

References:

1. Emile Durkheim (Weeks 1-8)


2. G.H. Mead and E. Goffman (Weeks 9-12)


3. Pierre Bourdieu (Weeks 13-14)


Supplementary References:


Social Stratification II
Paper 17 / Semester 6

1. Social Inclusion and Social Exclusion; Forms of Stratification
   1.1 Ethnicity
   1.2 Gender
   1.3 Sexuality
   1.4 Disability

2. Social mobility
   2.1 Nature and types of Mobility
   2.2 Mobility in Closed and Open Systems of Stratification

3. Contemporary Issues and Debates in Stratification
   3.1 Caste and Race
   3.2 Education as a site of Inequality
   3.3 Issues of Minority, Identity and Inequality

Readings

1. Social Inclusion and Social Exclusion; Forms of Stratification

1.1 Ethnicity (Weeks 1-2)


1.2 Gender (Week 3)


1.3 Sexuality (Week 4)


1.4 Disability (Week 5)

Veena Das and Renu Addlakha (2001); Disability and Domestic Citizenship; Voice, Gender, and the Making of the Subject in public culture vol. 13 No. 3 pp 511-532.

2. Social Mobility (Weeks 5-8)


3. Contemporary Issues and Debates in Stratification (3 weeks)


(Week 14 is reserved for project, audio-visual presentation etc.).
### Methods in Sociological Research II
#### Paper 18 / Semester 6

1. **Research Design and Data Collection**
   - **1.1** Survey Method, Sampling, Questionnaire, Interview, Focus Group Discussions
   - **1.2** Participant Observation, Case Study
   - **1.3** Documents, Records, Texts

2. **Statistical Methods**
   - **2.1** Statistical Analysis: (a) Classification, Tabulation, Diagrammatical and Graphic presentation
   - **2.2** Measures of Central Tendency
   - **2.3** Measures of Dispersion and Correlation (Variance and Co-variance)

3. **Research Projects**

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1. **Research Design and Data Collection**

   **1.1** Survey Method, Sampling, Questionnaire, Interview, Focus Group Discussions (Weeks 1-4)


1.2  Participant Observation, Case Study  (Weeks 5-8)


1.3  Documents, Records, Texts  (Week 9)


2.  Statistical Methods (Weeks 10-13)


3.  Research Projects (Week 14)

No specific readings on this section.
Research Projects at the teacher’s discretion.