



SOPHIA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)

Affiliated to the University of Mumbai

Programme: Humanities

Sociology (Major)

Syllabus for the Academic Year 2023-2024
based on the National Education Policy 2020



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

COURSE DETAILS FOR MINOR:

	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
TITLE	Introduction to Sociology	Development of Sociology
TYPE OF COURSE - DSC	Major	Major
CREDITS	4	4

Preamble:

This syllabus of Sociology Program offered by Sophia College for Women, Mumbai has been designed under the under the National Education Policy 2020 to be implemented from the academic year 2023-24.

Sociology is the organized, systematic and scientific study of social life, social relationships and behaviour in human society. It emerged in response to attempts to understand changes occurring in society due to the processes of industrialisation, urbanization and globalization. Sociology addresses current social problems confronting society and policy makers. It enables one to think imaginatively, reject preconceived ideas about social life and to understand social change from a wider perspective. It allows one to look beyond a limited understanding of human behaviour and to see the world and people through a broader lens.

The programme aims at introducing the students to important practical applications and enables them to come up with social criticism and practical social reform. Students would be able to critically evaluate policies based on an awareness of divergent cultural values as well as investigate the consequences of policy programmes. The program will cover areas such as crime, delinquency, demography, industrial sociology, rural sociology, sociology of occupation and profession, medical sociology, law and society, sociology of human resource development, research methodology and statistics. Through interactive classroom discussions using methods such as case study analysis, focus group discussions and debates, students would be able to



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develop a grasp on the subject. The pedagogical approaches include social outreach programmes, field visits, and expert guest lectures which supplement the classroom learning.

By the end of the programme, students would become capable of careers in planning, community action programmes and public and employee relations. We aim at creating capable and responsible individuals who can prove to be a valuable asset to academia, organizations, think tanks and the corporate sector.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

PO 1	To introduce the students to the scientific understanding of the basic concepts and processes in society
PO 2	To familiarize the students with the structure and function of the social institutions to appreciate the significance of society
PO 3	To enable the students to engage with the theoretical and methodological aspects of the discipline of sociology
PO4	To acquaint the students with the skills and expertise needed in the field of social research, management, media and industry.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

PSO 1	The learner will be able to understand and appreciate the fundamental concepts and processes in society
PSO 2	The learner will be able to identify the strengths and issues in the societal functioning and deal with it effectively
PSO 3	The learner will be able to review and engage with the theoretical and methodological aspects of the discipline of sociology.
PSO 4	The learner will be able to develop and deploy the skill sets for operations in the field of social research, management, media and industry.



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Programme: Humanities Sociology Major		Semester – 1	
Course Title: Introduction to Sociology		Course Code: ASOC111MJ	
<u>COURSE OBJECTIVES:</u>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the emergence of the discipline 2. Acquaint the students with basic concepts, social constructs and design 3. Address the important issues and concerns 4. Discuss the future of the discipline 			
<u>COURSE OUTCOMES:</u>			
The learner will be able to :			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the development of the discipline 2. Understand the basic concepts in sociology and the social structure of the society 3. Critically analyse the issues and problems 4. Recognise the emerging fields in the discipline 			
Lectures per week (1 Lecture is 60 minutes)		4	
Total number of Hours in a Semester			
Credits		4	
Evaluation System	Semester End Examination	2 Hours	60 marks
	Internal Assessment	--	40 marks

UNIT 1 Sociology in India	1.1	Period of Enlightenment: Origin of the discipline	15 hours
	1.2	Sociological Imagination: Reflexive Sociology	
	1.3	Sociological thoughts in India: Ghurye, Andre Beteille, Srinivas, T K Oomen, A R Desai, Sharmila Rege	
	2.1	Society (Evolution of the society- Gerhard Lenski), Group	



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UNIT 2 Basic Concepts		(Primary and secondary group, In-group and Out group, Reference group) and Community	15 hours
	2.2	Socialization: (meaning, significance and types)	
	2.3	Social Stratification: Caste, Gender, Class, Age, Religion and Ethnicity	
UNIT 3 Social Institutions	3.1	Politics, State and Government	15 hours
	3.2	Religion, Caste, and Tribe	
	3.3	Family, Kinship, Marriage, and Patriarchy	
UNIT 4 Emerging Areas in Sociology	4.1	Health, Ageing and Care	15 hours
	4.2	Media and Society	
	4.3	Economy and Policy Making	

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2. Julia Jary and David Jary (2005) Dictionary of Sociology Collins
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4. Macionis, John (2005) Sociology (10th edition) Prentice Hall
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7. Anthony Giddens ; Sociology , Third Edition.
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ASSESSMENT DETAILS:

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- I. Continuous Assessment (CA): 50 marks**
- II. Summative Assessment (SA): 50 marks**



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Programme: Humanities Sociology Major		Semester – II	
Course Title: Development of Sociology		Course Code: ASOC122MJ	
<u>COURSE OBJECTIVES:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To Review the emergence of the discipline at a global level2. To Acquaint the students with basic concepts and social constructs3. To Appreciate the social processes, the causal factors and impact4. To Address the social issues and concerns			
<u>COURSE OUTCOMES:</u> The learner will be able to : <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify the development of the discipline2. Understand the basic concepts in sociology and the social structure of the society3. Critically analyse the issues and problems4. Recognise the emerging fields in the discipline			
Lectures per week (1 Lecture is 60 minutes)		4	
Total number of Hours in a Semester			
Credits		4	
Evaluation System	Semester End Examination	2 Hours	50 marks



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	Internal Assessment	--	50 marks
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UNIT 1 Western Sociological Thought	1.1	Introduction to Western Sociological Thought: Post-Enlightenment and the emergence of Sociology	15 hours
	1.2	Classical Sociological Thought: Comte, Marx, Durkheim	
	1.3	Contemporary Sociological Thought: George Mead, Beck, Parsons, Goffman	
UNIT 2 Culture	2.1	Elements and Characteristics of Culture	15 hours
	2.2	Global Culture, Multiculturalism, Cultural Pluralism and Ethnocentrism	
	2.3	Dimensions of Culture: High-Culture, Popular Culture, Counterculture, Subculture, Cultural Relativism	
UNIT 3 Understanding Change in Society	3.1	Characteristics and Causes of Social Change	15 hours
	3.2	Traditional, Modern and Post-Modern Society	
	3.3	Modernization and Urbanization	
UNIT 4 Crime and Deviance	4.1	Strain Theory	15 hours
	4.2	Labelling Theory	
	4.3	Conflict Perspective	



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