

OBJECTIVES :

1. To introduce students to the basic concepts in sociology.
2. to familiarize students with the theoretical aspects of different concepts.

Sociology as a discipline

(15 lectures)

- perspectives in Sociology : Functionalist, Conflict, Interpretive, Critical
- Sociological Imagination-Developing a sociological outlook.
- Significance of sociology

Culture

(15 lectures)

- Understanding culture
- Characteristics of culture
- Types of culture-Subculture, counterculture
- Ethnocentrism, Xenocentrism, Cultural relativism
- Components of culture
- Towards a global culture

Society and Groups

(15 lectures)

- Evolution of society: Hunting, Food gathering, Feudal; Industrial, Post-Industrial
- Types of social groups
- In group, Out group
- Primary group, Secondary group.
- Electronic community (networking)

Social institutions: Concept and Significance (15 lectures)

Social Stratification

Bases of Stratification: Caste, Class, Gender, Age

Religion : Church, Sect, Cult

Political Institution: State and Government, Types of States

Economic Institutions: Capitalism, Socialism, Informal

Economics.

II

Socialization

(15 lectures)

- Socialization as a process
- Agencies of socialization
- Development of self : C H Cooley, G H Mead
- Gender socialization
- Political socialization
- Resocialization

Social Change

(15 lectures)

- Theories of Change : Evolutionary, Functionalist, Conflict
- Factors of Social change
- Resistance of change
- Environment, Sustainable development and social change

: Topics I to III will be done in the first term and topics IV in the second term.

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