



UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

SYLLABUS

**B.A. (PROGRAMME) -
SOCIOLOGY**

Course: B.A. (Programme) Sociology

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Semester I	Paper 1 - Introduction to Sociology – I
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B.A. Programme

Introduction to Sociology – I Paper 1 / Semester 1

- 1. Nature and Scope of Sociology**
 - 1.1 History of Sociology**
 - 1.2 Relationship of Sociology with other social sciences:
Anthropology, psychology and history**

- 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)**

Giddens, A. 2006. (5th ed.) *Sociology*. Cambridge: Polity Press, Ch. 1. *What is Sociology?* Pg.: 2-29.

Nisbet, R. 1970 *The Sociological Tradition*. London: Heinemann. Ch. 2. *The Two Revolutions*. Pg.: 21-46.

- 1.2 Relationship of Sociology with other social sciences:**

- Anthropology, psychology and history (Weeks 4-6)**

Beattie, J. 1951 *Other Cultures*. New York: The Free Press. Ch. 2. *Social Anthropology and some other sciences of man*. Pg.: 16-34.

2. Sociological Concepts and Perspectives - I

2.1 Culture (Weeks 7-8)

Bierstedt, R.1974. *The Social Order*. New York: McGraw Hill, pg.: 125-212

Ch. 8. *The Meaning of Culture*

Ch. 9. *The Content of Culture*

Ch. 10. *The Acquisition of Culture*

2.2 Socialisation (Week 9)

Horton, P.B. and C.L. Hunt. 1985. *Sociology*. New York: McGraw Hill. Ch. 4. *Personality and Socialization*. Pg.: 79-103.

2.3 Groups (Week 10)

Bierstedt, R.1974. *The Social Order*. New York: McGraw Hill. Ch.10. *Groups*. Pg.: 280-309.

2.4 Institutions (Weeks 11-12)

Bierstedt, R.1974. *The Social Order*. New York: McGraw Hill. Ch. 11. *Associations and Institutions*. Pg.: 310-336.

2.5 Status and Role (Week 13)

Bierstedt, R.1974. *The Social Order*. New York: McGraw Hill. Ch. 9. *Statuses* pg.: 250-279.

Linton, R. 1936. *The Study of Man*. New York: Appleton Century Crofts. Ch. 8. *Status and Role*. Pg.: 113-131

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.

Introduction to Sociology – II

Paper 2 / Semester 2

- 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)

Radcliffe-Brown, A.R. 1976. *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. London: Cohen and West.

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)

Tilly, C. 1999. *Durable Inequality*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Ch. 1. *Of Essences and Bonds*. Pg.: 1-40.

1.3 Social Control and Deviance (Week 4)

Horton, P.B. and C.L. Hunt. 1985. *Sociology*. New York: McGraw Hill. Ch. 7. *Social Control and Deviance*. Pg.: 154-181.

1.4 Social Change (Weeks 5-6)

Horton, P.B. and C.L. Hunt. 1985. *Sociology*. New York: McGraw Hill. Ch.20, *Social Change*. Pg.: 509-540.

2. Theoretical Orientations

2.1 Functionalism (Weeks 7-9)

2.2 Merton. R. 1968, *Social Theory and Social Structure*. Berkeley: Free Press. Ch. 3 *Manifest and Latent Function*. Pg.: 73-138.

2.3 Marxism (Weeks 10-13)

Aron, R. 1965. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought, vol.1*. London: Penguin Books. Ch. *Karl Marx*. Pg.: 111-182

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

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Sociology of India-I

Paper 3 / Semester 3

- 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)**

Ghurye, G.S. 1992. "Features of the caste system" in Dipankar Gupta ed. *Social Stratification in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

- 1.2 Varna and Jati (Weeks 2-3)**

Srinivas, M.N.1992. "Varna and caste" in Dipankar Gupta ed. *Social Stratification in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

1.3 Dominant Castes (Week 4)

Srinivas, M.N. 2002. "The dominant caste in Rampura" in *Collected Essays*. Oxford University Press. NY.

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

Srinivas, M.N., 1956. "A Note on Sanskritization and Westerization". *The Far Eastern Quarterly*, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp. 481-496.

2. Agrarian Classes (Weeks 7-8)

Thorner, Daniel. 1992. "Agrarian Structure" in Dipankar Gupta ed. *Social Stratification in India*. New Delhi: OUP (pp.261-270).

3. Kinship (Weeks 9-10)

Karve, Irawati.1994. "The kinship map of India" in Patricia Uberoi ed. *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*. Delhi. Oxford University Press (pp.50-73).

4. Village (Week 11)

Srinivsa, M.N. and Shah, A.M., 1960. Myth of the self-sufficiency of the Indian village. *The Economic Weekly*. (Pgs.1375-78).

5. Tribes (Weeks 12-14)

Xaxa, V. 1999. "The transformation of tribes in India". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 34 (24): 1519-1524.

Haimendorf, C. Von Furer, 1967. "The position of the tribal population of India" in Philip Mason ed., *India and Ceylon: Unity and Diversity*. New York, Oxford University Press.

Sociology of India – II

Paper 4 / Semester 4

- 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)

Singer, Milton. 1972. *When a Great Tradition Modernizes*. NY: Praeger. (ch. 9).

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

Mason, Philip. 1967 “Unity and diversity: An introductory review” in Philip Mason ed. *India and Ceylon: Unity and Diversity*. London. Oxford University Press. 1967.

3. Identities and Social Change

3.1 Caste (Weeks 7-9)

Shah, Ghanshyam. 2001. *Dalit Identity and Politics*. Delhi. Sage Publications. (chs. 1, 7).

Ambedkar, B.R. 1971 *Annihilation of Caste*. Bheem Patrika Publication.

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).

Dumont, L., 1997, *Religion, Politics and History in India*. Paris: Mouton, ch. 5.

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

Sociological Theories-I

Paper 5 / Semester 5

- 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)**

Marx, K. and Friedrich Engels. 2002. *The Communist Manifesto*. Penguin Books.

Aron, R. 1967. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* London: Weidenfield and Nicholson, Vol. 1. (pp. 107-180).

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Classical Sociological Theory* 2nd Edition Blackwell. (pp. 73-130).

Jayapalan, N. 2001. *Sociological Theories*. Atlantic Publisher. (pp-35-69).

- 2. Emile Durkheim**

2.1 Social Fact (Weeks 6-7)

Durkheim, E. 1958. *The Rules of Sociological Method*. Glencoe: Free Press, (Chapters 1 and 3).

Jones R.A. 1986, *Emile Durkheim: An Introduction to Four Major Works*. London: Sage. (Chapters 3 and 4).

2.2 Forms of Solidarity (Weeks 8-10)

Readings common to both the topics:

Aron, R. 1967. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* London: Weidenfield and Nicholson, Vol. 2 (pp. 11-97).

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Classical Sociological Theory* 2nd Edition Blackwell. (pp. 131-180).

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)

Gerth, H.H. and C. Wright Mills (eds.) 1948. *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, (Introduction).

Aron, R. 1967. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* London: Weidenfield and Nicholson, Vol. 2 (pp. 177-252).

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Classical Sociological Theory* 2nd Edition Blackwell. (pp. 205-274).

Jayapalan, N. 2001. *Sociological Theories*. Atlantic Publisher. (pp. 97-115).

Sociological Theories-II

Paper 6 / Semester 6

- 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)**

Parsons, T. and E. Shils, (ed.) 1951. *Towards a General Theory of Action*. New York: Harper and Row Publishers. (Part I, Ch.1).

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

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Classical Sociological Theory* 2nd Edition Blackwell.(pp.407-440).

Jayapalan, N. 2001. *Sociological Theories*. Atlantic Publisher. (Pp-125-133).

Tim, Delaney 2005. *Contemporary Social Theory: Investigation and Application*. Pearson Education Inc. (pp. 45-52).

2. G.H. Mead

2.1 Symbolic Interactionism (Weeks 4-6)

Mead, G.H. 1934. *Mind, Self and Society*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Section III: 'The Self'.

Tim, Delaney 2005. *Contemporary Social Theory: Investigation and Application*. Pearson Education Inc. (pp. 105-116).

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Classical Sociological Theory* 2nd Edition Blackwell.(pp.277-294).

3. Erving Goffman

3.1 Dramaturgical Approach (Weeks 7-9)

Goffman, E. 1973. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*. The Overlook Press, (Chapters 6 and 7).

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

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. Blackwell. (Pp. 52-66).

4. Pierre Bourdieu

4.1 Habitus (Weeks 10-12)

Bourdieu, P. 1977. *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge University Press (Ch.2).

Calhoun, J. Craig, 2007. *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. Blackwell. (Pp. 259-265; 276-288).

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.