

Course: Discipline Specific Core C01

Semester_____	1
Paper Number	HSOCR1011T
Paper Title	Introduction to Sociology 1
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	3+3
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<p>The course is structured to introduce to students the most basic tool kits for thinking sociologically :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn to inculcate a ‘sociological consciousness’ through the play of biography and history that involves the study of contemporary societies. • Students will also appreciate the status of sociology as a scientific discipline and its intimate relationship with the disciplines of Social Anthropology, Psychology, and History and with common sense. • The course aims to provide a brief history of the context of the emergence of sociology and some of its methodological and theoretical concerns. • The course will also introduce students to basic sociological concepts such a socialization, institutionalization, culture and so forth.
Syllabus	<p>Group A</p> <p>1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective (4 weeks) 1.1 Thinking Sociologically 1.2 Emergence of Sociology and Social Anthropology</p> <p>Group B</p> <p>2. Sociology and Other Social Sciences (4 weeks) 2.1 Status of Sociology as Science 2.2 Sociology and Social Anthropology and History 2.3 Sociology & Common Sense</p> <p>3. Basic Concepts: (4 weeks) 3.1 Unit Ideas of Sociology 3.2 Individual and Group 3.3 Institutions and Institutionalization 3.4 Culture and Society</p>
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective <u>Thinking Sociologically:</u></p>

Mills, C Wright. 2000. 'The Promise' in *The Sociological Imagination*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp: 3-24.

Berger, Peter. 1963. 'Sociology as a Form of Consciousness' in *An Invitation to Sociology: A Humanist Perspective*. England: Penguin Books. pp- 37-64.

Johnson, Allan G. 2008, *The Forest and the Trees: Sociology as Life Practice and Promise*, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, Introduction and Chapter 1, 'The Forest, the Trees and One Thing', Pp. 1-36

Beteille, Andre, 2009, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Common Sense', Pp. 13-27

Bauman, Zygmunt. 2001. 'Introduction: Sociology – What for?' and 'The Ways and Means of Doing Sociology' in *Thinking Sociologically*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers. pp – 1-19, 214-232.

Garner, James Finn, 1994, *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories: Modern Tales for Our Life and Times*, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons Inc., Chapters, 'Little Red Riding Hood' & 'Rumpelstiltskin'

1.2 Emergence of Sociology and Social Anthropology

Ritzer, George, 1996, *Classical Sociological Theory*, New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 1, 'A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory- The Early Years', Pp. 13-46

Bilton, Tony et al. 1997. 'Living in Modernity' and 'Sociologists, Modernity and Progress' in *Introducing Sociology*. New York: Palgrave pp- 25-49, 577-594.

2. Sociology and Other Social Sciences

Status of Sociology as Science:

Bruce, Steve. 2000. 'The Status of Sociology' in *Sociology: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp -10-17.

Sociology and Social Anthropology:

Béteille, André, 1985, *Six Essays in Comparative Sociology*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Social Anthropology', Pp. 1- 20

Beteille, André, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach & Method*, Oxford University Press, Chapter 2, 'Sociology and Social Anthropology', Pp. 28-54

Srinivas, M. N. 2002 'Social Anthropology and Sociology', *Collected Essay : M N Srinivas*, Oxford University Press : Michigan pp-594-609

Sociology & Psychology:

Lukes, Steven 1985 "The reception of Durkhiem's Idea", *Emile Durkheim : His Life and Work A Historical and Critical Study*, Stanford University Press : California

Sociology & History:

	<p>Burke, Peter, 1980, <i>Sociology and History</i>, George Allen and Unwin, Chapter 1, 'Sociologists and Historians', Pp. 13-30</p> <p>3. Basic Concepts</p> <p><u>Unit Ideas:</u> Nisbet, Robert A. 2004. "The Unit Ideas of Sociology", <i>The Sociological Tradition</i> Rawat Publications: New Delhi</p> <p><u>Individual and Society:</u></p> <p>Frisby, David and Mike Featherstone (ed) 1997, <i>Simmel on Culture : Selected Writings</i>, Sage Publications Or Coser, Lewis A, 2003, <i>Masters of Sociological Thought : Ideas in Historical and Social Context</i> Waveland Press : 2003</p> <p><u>Institutions, Institutionalization</u> <u>Culture:</u> Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 2004, <i>Sociology</i>. New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill, Chapter 8, Pp. 185-209</p> <p>Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 2004, <i>Sociology</i>. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill. Chapter 9, Pp. 210- 229</p> <p>Firth, Raymond, 1956, <i>Human Types</i>, Thomas Nelson & Sons, Chapter 3, 'Work and Wealth of Primitive Communities', Pp. 71-97</p> <p>Bierstedt, Robert, 1974, <i>The Social Order</i>, New York: McGraw Hill Book Company Part 3, Chapter 5, 'The Meaning of Culture', p. 125- 151, Chapter 6, 'The Content of Culture' Pp. 152-187, Chapter 7, 'The Acquisition of Culture', Pp. 188-212</p> <p>Redfield, Robert 1956, Chapter 16, 'How Human Society Operates', in Harry L Shapiro (ed.) <i>Man, Culture and Society</i>. New York: Oxford University Press, Pp. 345-368</p> <p>Ritzer, George. 2007. <i>The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology</i>. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. (Select Entries)</p> <p>Berger, Peter & Brigitte Berger. 1976. 'Becoming a Member of Society- Socialization' in <i>Sociology: A Biographical Approach</i>. New York: Penguin Books. pp: 56-78</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>The end semester examination will have the following paper structure i) Long Answer type questions : 20 x 2 = 40 marks (out of 4) ii) Short answer type questions : 10 x 4 = 40 (out of 8)</p>