

Course: Discipline Specific Elective 1

Semester	5
Paper Number	GSODS5021T
Paper Title	Religion and Society
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5 + 1
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This course acquaints students with a sociological understanding of religion. It examines some forms of religion in India and its role in modern society.

Syllabus	<p>Module : 1 (6 weeks)</p> <p>1. Understanding Religion</p> <p>1.1. Sociology of Religion: Meaning and Scope</p> <p>1.2. Sacred and Profane</p> <p>1.3. Religion and Rationalization</p> <p>1.4. Rites of Passage</p> <p>Module 2 :</p> <p>2. Religion in India (4 Weeks)</p> <p>1.1. Hinduism</p> <p>1.2. Islam</p> <p>1.3. Christianity</p> <p>1.4. Sikhism</p> <p>1.5. Buddhism</p> <p>3. Secularism & Communalism (2 weeks)</p>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Béteille, A. 2002. <i>Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method</i>. OUP: New Delhi, pp134-150.</p> <p>Berger. 1967. <i>The Sacred Canopy</i>. Garden City: New York, pp175-186.</p> <p>Asad. T. 1993. <i>Genealogies of Religion: Discipline and Reasons of Power in Christianity and Islam</i>, John Hopkins Press: Baltimore, pp 27-54.</p> <p>Durkheim, E. 2001. <i>The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life</i>. Carol Cosman (trans). Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp 25- 46; 87-100; 153-182.</p>

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Robinson, R. 2003. 'Christianity in the Context of Indian Society and Culture' in Das Veena (ed.), *Oxford Indian Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology*, OUP: New Delhi, pp. 884-907.

Uberoi, J.P.S. 1991. 'The Five Symbols of Sikhism' in Madan, T.N. (ed.) *Religion in India*. New Delhi : OUP, pp 320-333.

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Chadwick, Owen. *The Secularization of the European Mind in the Nineteenth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1975, pp 1- 20.

Madan, T.N. 1991. 'Secularism in its Place' in T. N. Madan, T.N. (ed.) *Religion in India*. New Delhi : OUP, pp 394 -413.

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Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80 marks</p> <p>The mode of evaluation of this paper will be as follows,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students attempt two long questions of 20 marks each out of four long questions (20 x 2 = 40 marks)2. Students attempt four short questions of 10 marks each out of eight short questions (10 x 4 = 40 marks)