



**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
ASSAMUNIVERSITY, SILCHAR**

**Curriculum of NEP-2020 for Four Year Under Graduate Programme in Sociology for collegesaffiliatedto AssamUniversity,Silchar**

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Semester	PaperCode	Titleof theCourse	Credits
<b>I</b>	SOC-DSC-101	Fundamentalsof Sociology	<b>3</b>
	SOC-DSC-102	BasicConcepts inSociology	<b>3</b>
	SOC-DSM-I-101	IntroductiontoSociology	<b>3</b>
	SOC-IDC-101	Basic Sociology	<b>3</b>
	AEC/MIL	English/LanguageI	<b>2</b>
	SOC-SEC-101	TechniquesofDataCollection	<b>3</b>
	CVAC	NSS/NCC/DIS/Sports/HW/Yoga/GCS/UI	<b>3</b>
		<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>II</b>	SOC-DSC-151	SociologicalThinkers	<b>3</b>
	SOC-DSC-152	SocietyinIndia	<b>3</b>
	SOC-DSM-II-151	IndianSociety	<b>3</b>
	SOC-IDC-151	SocialProblemsin India	<b>3</b>
	AEC/MIL	English/LanguageII	<b>2</b>
	SOC-SEC-151	ICTandComputer ApplicationinSocialScience	<b>3</b>
	CVAC	NSS/NCC/DIS/Sports/HW/Yoga/GCS/UI	<b>3</b>
		<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Certificate</b>		TotalCredits	<b>40</b>

Semester	PaperCode	Titleof theCourse	Credits
<b>III</b>	SOC-DSC-201	SociologicalTheory	<b>4</b>
	SOC-DSC-202	Social ResearchMethods-I	<b>4</b>
	SOC-DSM-I-201	SocialProblemsin India	<b>4</b>
	SOC-IDC-201	IndianSociety	<b>3</b>
	AEC/MIL	English/LanguageIII	<b>2</b>
	SOC-SEC-201	Field Studyand ReportWriting	<b>3</b>
			<b>TotalCredits</b>
<b>IV</b>	SOC-DSC-251	RuralSociology	<b>4</b>
	SOC-DSC-252	UrbanSociology	<b>4</b>
	SOC-DSC-253	Family,KinshipandMarriage	<b>4</b>
	SOC-DSM-I-251	SociologyofNorth EastIndia	<b>3</b>
	SOC-DSM-II-252	Mediaand Society	<b>3</b>
	EL251	English/Language	<b>2</b>
			<b>TotalCredits</b>
<b>Diploma</b>		TotalCredits	<b>80</b>

Semester	PaperCode	Titleof theCourse	Credits
V	SOC-DSC-301	PolityandSociety	4
	SOC-DSC-302	EconomyandSociety	4
	SOC-DSC-303	SocialExclusionandInclusion	4
	SOC-DSM-I-301	Healthand Society	3
	SOC-DSM-II-302	Environment andSociety	3
	SOC-SEC-301	CommunityEngagement/Fieldwork	2
		<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>20</b>
VI	SOC-DSC-351	TheoreticalPerspectives inSociology	4
	SOC-DSC-352	IndianSociologicalTradition	4
	SOC-DSC-353	Sociologyof Communication	4
	SOC-DSC-354	SociologyofTribes	4
	SOC-DSM-I-351	Science,TechnologyandSociety	4
		<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>20</b>
		<b>Degree</b>	<b>TotalCredits</b>
			<b>120</b>

Semester	PaperCode	Titleof theCourse	Credits	
VII	SOC-DSC-401	Social ResearchMethods-II	4	
	SOC-DSC-402	SocialStratification	4	
	SOC-DSC-403	Sociologyof Diaspora	4	
	SOC-DSC-404	Sociologyof Development	4	
	SOC-DSM-I-401	SociologyofMigration	4	
		<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>20</b>	
VIII	SOC-DSC-451	Sociologyof Environment	4	
	SOC-DSM-451	Gender and Society	4	
	SOC-DSC-452 ★	Sociologyof Health	4★	
	SOC-DSC-453 ★	Science,TechnologyandSociety	4★	
	SOC-DSC-454 ★	DigitalSociology	4★	
		SOC-DSC-455	Research Project/Dissertation #	12#
		<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>DegreewithHonours/Research</b>			<b>TotalCredits</b>	<b>160</b>

**DSC** –Discipline Specific

Core**DSM** – Discipline Specific

Minor**IDC**–

InterdisciplinaryCourses

**AEC/MIL** –AbilityEnhancementCourses(Language)

**SEC**–SkillEnhancementCourses

**CVAC**–CommonValue-AddedCourses

★**SOC-DSC-452, SOC-DSC-453, SOC-DSC-454** for Degree with Honours

# **SOC-DSC-455** # Research Project/Dissertation is for Degree with Research

## SEMESTER-I

### SOC-DSC-101 FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: Semester-70+Internal-30=100

Pass Marks: Semester-28+Internal-12=40

Credits – 3

No of Lectures – 45

**OBJECTIVE:** This course intends to provide the basic orientation on and about historical and socio-cultural process of development of sociology. It further tries to orient the students to well equip with the subject matter and scope of Sociology, its relationship to other social science and the applied nature of sociology.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- Unit I : Introduction to Sociology**  
Subject matter and scope of  
Sociology  
Sociology as a scientific discipline  
Sociology and common sense
- Unit II : Emergence of Sociology**  
Intellectual and social background leading to the emergence of  
sociology  
Enlightenment and its impact  
French Revolution and Industrial Revolution
- Unit III : Sociology and other Social Sciences**  
Sociology and Social  
Anthropology  
Sociology and History  
Sociology and Psychology  
Sociology and  
Economics  
Sociology and Political Science
- Unit IV : Major theoretical perspectives in Sociology**  
Evolutionary, Positivist, Functional and Conflict Perspective

**Unit V : Application of Sociology**  
Sociology and social  
problems Sociology and social policy

### **READING LIST**

Bottomore, T.B. 1971, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*. Bombay: George Allen & Unwin (India)

Giddens, Anthony. 2009, *Sociology*. Cambridge: Polity Press

Gisbert, P. 2010, *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Hyderabad: Orient Black Swan

Haralambos, Mand Holborn M. 2008, *Sociology: Themes and Perspective*, London: Harper Collins Publication Limited

Inkeles, Alex. 1987. *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of

India. Jayaram, N. 1988. *Introductory Sociology*. Madras: Macmillan.

Johnson, Harry M. 1995. *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*. New Delhi: Allied

Publishers. Schaefer Richard T. and Robert P Lamm. 1999. *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill.

### **LEARNING OUTCOME**

The teaching of the course would help the students to understand subject matter and scope of sociology as an academic discipline. The student would be able to appreciate the emergence of sociology and its intellectual and social background. The students would gain understanding of relationship between Sociology and other Social Sciences and understand the theoretical background and application of Sociology.

## SOC-DSC-102

### BASIC CONCEPTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: Semester-70+ Internal-30=100

No. of Credits: 3

Pass Marks: Semester-28 + Internal-12=40

No. of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:** The course intends to introduce classical as well as modern use of the concepts at both the preliminary to the level of advancement to further instill in sociological realm of understanding.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- Unit I** : Society, community, institution, association, group
- Unit II** : Culture, socialisation, norms, values and sanctions, social processes
- Unit III** : Status and role, social institution, social structure and function
- Unit IV** : Social stratification: Meaning, forms and theories  
Social mobility: Meaning and types
- Unit V** : Social control: Meaning and importance  
Social change: Meaning, characteristics, forms and factors

#### LEARNING OUTCOME

The course would help the students to understand basic concepts of sociology. Through the process of conceptualisation and contextualisation of the fundamentals of sociology the students would be able to develop a holistic or comprehensive understanding and knowledge about use and misuse of concepts at different levels of the human exercises and society. Adequate and in-depth understanding about the different concepts may usher in new vista of change in the context of the society and in the perception among the people.

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- Gisbert, P. 2013. *Fundamentals of Sociology*. Orient Black Swan. Green, A.W.
- Harlombos, M. 1988. *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
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- Johnson, Harry M. 1995. *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*. New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
- MacIver R & Page, Charles H. 1996. *Society: An Introductory Analysis*. MacMillan.
- Schaefer, Richard T. and Robert P Lamm. 1999. *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill.

**SOC-DSM- 1-101**  
**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

Full Marks: Semester-70+ Internal-30=100  
Pass Marks: Semester-28+Internal-12=40

No. of Credits: 3  
No. of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:** Fundamental learning of sociology is most need of the hour as it rightly explores and highlight the path and process of development of sociology. The course aims to familiarise the students to search for the newness in sociology to develop comprehensive understanding about various aspects and methods of sociology.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

<b>UNIT I</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Emergence of Sociology as a discipline</b> Enlightenment and its impact on thinking and reasoning French revolution and industrial revolution
<b>UNIT II</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Nature of Sociology</b> Definition, subject matter and scope, sociology as science
<b>UNIT III</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Sociological Perspective</b> Holistic perspective, Relationship of sociology with anthropology, psychology and history
<b>UNIT IV</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Sociological Orientation and Method</b> Scientific and humanistic orientations Positivist, historical, comparative, functional and conflict methods
<b>UNIT V</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Applications of Sociology</b> Sociology and social problems, sociology and social policy, sociology and development

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- Gisbert, P. 2013. *Fundamentals of Sociology*. Orient Black Swan.
- Harlombos, M. 1988. *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
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- Jayaram, N. 1988. *Introductory Sociology*. Madras: Macmillan.

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Publishers.SchaeferRichard,T.andRobertP Lamm.1999.*Sociology*.NewDelhi:TataMcGrawHill

## **LEARNINGOUTCOME**

The course in its entirety is meant to help the students to understand the basic path and process of development of sociology. The students searching and learning covering wide range of socio-historical milieu will enrich their ideas and knowledge about growth, development and progress of the discipline.

**SOC-IDC-101**  
**BASIC SOCIOLOGY**

Full Marks: Semester-70+ Internal-30=100  
Pass Marks: Semester-28 +Internal-12=40

No. of Credits: 3  
No. of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:** The fundamental objective of sociology is to instill the comprehensive and holistic understanding of multiple facets of the society and human beings. Accordingly, this course intends to inject and spearhead the basic and fundamentals of sociology which in turn may help both individual and society to suitably and appropriately manage their everyday affairs for a smooth and peaceful co-existence.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT I : Introduction to Sociology**  
What is Sociology?  
Is Sociology a Science?  
Sociology and other Social sciences
- UNIT II : Basic concepts of Sociology-I**  
Society, community, association, organisation, institution, social group, culture, norms, value and sanction
- UNIT III : Basic concepts of Sociology-II**  
Socialisation, status and role, social structure and function, family, marriage and kinship
- UNIT IV : Social stratification and mobility**  
Meaning, forms/types, theories
- UNIT V : Social change and social control**  
Meaning, characteristics, forms and factors

**READING LIST**

- Bottomore, T.B. 1971. *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Bombay: George Allen and Unwin (India)
- Gisbert, P. 2013. *Fundamentals of Sociology*. Orient Black Swan.
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## **LEARNING OUTCOME**

The course objective is to help students to understand and realise the students to live in a peaceful manner without indulging in unnecessary chaos and disturbance. Outcome of the course learning is definitely positive to build up a healthy society.

## SOC-SEC-101

### TECHNIQUES OF DATA COLLECTION

FullMarks:Semester-70+ Internal-30=100  
PassMarks:Semester-28+Internal-12=40

No.ofCredits:3  
No.ofLectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:**Thecourseprimarilyintendstoencouragethestudentstoenhancetheirskillsthroughthe process of learningtheseelementaryandyet thevital aspects of datacollection.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT I : Data-meaningandtypes**  
Whatisdata?  
Typesofdata:QuantitativeandQualitative,PrimaryandSecondary
- UNIT II : QualitativeMethodsofdatacollection**  
Observation,Interview,Ethnography,CaseStudy
- UNIT III : QuantitativeMethodsofdatacollection**  
Survey,Sampling,Questionnaire,Census, InterviewSchedule,PRA
- UNIT IV : DataAnalysis**  
Qualitative: Content Analysis, Narrative  
Analysis.Quantitative:Statistical Analysis,  
FrequencyDistribution.
- UNIT V : ReportWriting**

#### DataCollection

Morgan,David L.1996. "FocusGroups",*AnnualReviewofSociology*22, pp.29-52

#### SuggestedAssignment

Conduct a structured interview with close ended options and a relatively unstructured interviewonthesametopic(ofyourchoice)withsimilarsetsofpeople.Observeandnote thedifferences.

#### DataAnalysis

Look at NSS/NFHS/Census Data and write notes on the themes of how you can interpret thedata.

Look at a set of published letters of Gandhi, Nehru, C.F. Andrews, Tagore etc. and identify key social issues that are discussed in the contents of the letters.

Collect 3 oral testimonies/life histories of people who have witnessed and experienced any traumatic event in their lives.

### **Suggested Assignments/Exercise**

Choose a theme of your interest e.g. crime, technology, environmental concerns or any other and look through the Sunday editorials of any national daily of the last 3 months to locate related articles.

Do a content analysis of advertisements of any one consumer product/service, which have appeared over one year in a leading national daily.

Analyse the oral testimonies you have collected in Exercise 2(d). Discuss the issues and challenges in using testimony as evidence.

Students will be provided with data sets to run them in a software

program. Framing a Research Question

Choose a research question; identify statement(s), hypothesis and concepts. Operationalize concepts and match the methods and tools for data collection.

## **SEMESTER-II**

### **SOC-DSC-151**

#### **SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS**

FullMarks:Semester-70 +Internal-30=100

No.ofCredits:3

PassMarks:Semester-28 +Internal-12=40

No.of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:** Any discipline or branch of knowledge becomes incomplete and vague without proper method of exploration vis-à-vis understanding about who, where and how knowledge is produced or reproduced over age. At the outset the scholars enlisted here may help awakening and enlightening the students to carve out their fundamental ideas, choice and preference to meaningfully understand contribution of each scholar.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT I : Auguste Comte**  
Social statics and social dynamics  
Positivism  
Law of three stages  
Hierarchy of sciences
- UNIT II : Herbert Spencer**  
Social Darwinism  
Super-organic evolution  
Social structure and functions
- UNIT III : Karl Marx**  
Dialectical materialism  
Mode of production  
Class struggle  
Alienation
- UNIT IV : Emile Durkheim**  
Division of labour  
Social facts  
Social solidarity  
Suicide  
Religion
- UNIT V : Max Weber**  
Social action, Authority  
Modern capitalism

## READINGLIST

- Abraham, Francis and H. Morgan. *Sociological Thought*, McMillan.
- Aron, Raymond. 1967 (1982 reprint). *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* (2 volumes). Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books.
- Barnes, H.E. 1959. *Introduction to the History of Sociology*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.
- Coser, Lewis A, 1979. *Masters of Sociological Thought*. New York: Harcourt Brace
- Jovanovich, Fletcher, Ronald. 1994. *The Making of Sociology* (2 volumes). Jaipur: Rawat.
- Hussain, Moqitil. *A Prologue to Five Sociologists*. Published by T.L. Barua, Dibrugarh
- Marrison, Ken. 1995. *Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formation of Modern Social Thought*. London.
- Ritzer, George. 1996. *Sociological Theory*. New Delhi: Tata-McGrawHill.

## LEARNING OUTCOME

The preaching and teachings of the social thinkers are far reaching and wide range. Their seminal contributions may help arousing consciousness among people to systematically rebuild the society. The students must use and utilise the right approach, method and theory propounded by the scholars to develop a better society.

**SOC-DSC-152**  
**SOCIETY IN INDIA**

FullMarks:Semester-70+Internal-30=100  
PassMarks:Semester-28+ Internal-12=40

No.ofCredits: 3  
No.of Lectures:45

**OBJECTIVE:** The course aims to present a comprehensive, integrated and empirical profile of society in India. Continuity between present and past is an evident feature of society in India. While revealing the continuity in structure, focus is on contemporary society in India. Sociological perspective in India presented here may enable students to gain better understanding of their own situation and region.

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

- UNIT I : Indian Society**  
Characteristics  
Cultural and Ethnic diversity  
Textual and Field views
- UNIT- II : Social Composition**  
Rural-Urban  
Weaker Sections, SC/ST/OBC, Minority
- UNIT- III : Institutions**  
Family, Marriage: Features, Types, Functions and Change  
Kinship: Meaning, Kinship system in North, South and other parts in India
- UNIT- IV : Social change in India**  
Sanskritisation  
Westernisation  
Modernisation  
Little Tradition, Great tradition  
Universalisation and Parochialisation  
Globalisation
- UNIT- V : Social Convergence and Integration**  
Caste and class: Meaning, characteristics and interrelationships.
- Culture**  
Emergence of Indian civilisation  
The composite cultural legacy  
Nation building: Social background problems.

## READINGLIST

Bose,N.K.1975.*Structureof HinduSociety*.NewDelhi.

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Pakem,B.1990.*Nationality,EthnicityandCulturalIdentityinNortheastIndia*,Guwahati:OmsonsPublications.

Singh,Yogendra.1973.*ModernisationofIndianTradition*.Delhi:ThomsonPress.

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HindustanPublishingCorporation.Uberoi,Patricia.1993.*Family,KinshipandMarriageinIndia*.NewDelhi:OxfordUniversity

Press.

## COURSEOUTCOME

A proper and profound understanding of the course contents is very much essential to envision a better society in India. The past, present and future prospects and growth of India will be more brighten if the above enlisted aspects are taken and used in a positive vibe with an open mind and humanistic perspective.

**SOC-DSM-II-151**  
**INDIAN SOCIETY**

FullMarks:Semester-70 + Internal-30=100  
PassMarks:Semester-28 + Internal-12=40

No.ofCredits: 3  
No.of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:**ThecourseintroducestostudentsthestructureandprocessofIndiansociety.Itincludesboth caste and tribal social systemacrossthe country.

**COURSEOUTLINE**

- UNIT I : Characteristicsof Indiansociety**  
Unity in diversity  
Compositeculture
- UNITII : SocialComposition**  
Culture,language,region,religion,ethnicity,rural-urban
- UNITIII : Basic Institution-I**  
Family,Marriage and Kinship
- UNITIV : Basic Institution-II**  
Caste, Class, Tribe, Elites
- UNITV : SocialProcess**  
Sanskritisation,Westernisation,Modernisation,Globalisation

**READINGLIST**

- Ahuja, Ram, 1999. *Society in India: Concepts, Theories, and Recent Trends*, Rawat Publications.Ahmed,
- Intiaz (Ed.), 1978. *Caste and Social Stratification among the Muslims*, Delhi: ManoharBose,
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- Srinivas, M.N, 1969. *Social Change in Modern India*. Berkeley: University of California Press
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- Uberoi,Patricia, 1993. *Family,Kinship and Marriagein India*. NewDelhi: Oxford UniversityPress

### **COURSEOUTCOME**

A proper and profound understanding of the course is very much necessary to build up a betterand prosperous India. The course helps a student to develop a comparative study of the past,presentandfutureprospectsof India.

**SOC-IDC-151**  
**SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN INDIA**

Full Marks: Semester-70+ Internal-30=100  
Pass Marks: Semester-28+ Internal-12=40

No. of Credits:3  
No. of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVES:** This course intends to help the students in understanding the sociology of social problems in Indian context. It is aimed at introducing the concepts and theories pertaining to social problems. It is an effort to introduce the students to the major social problems in India and remedial measures undertaken at different levels.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT I : Social Problems**  
Meaning, nature, significance, causes, characteristics and types  
Theoretical approach to social problems
- UNIT II : Social Problems**  
Poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, casteism, communalism and ethnic conflict  
Dowry, domestic violence, divorce and problems of elderly
- UNIT III : Developmental Problems**  
Regional disparity, population explosion, environmental degradation  
Crime and delinquency
- UNIT IV : Problems of Contemporary Society**  
Corruption  
Drug addiction and alcoholism  
Cyber-crime  
Insurgency and human trafficking
- UNIT V : Remedial Measures**  
Constitutional and Legal provisions –  
Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles  
Social reformers in India – Raja Rammohan Roy, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Mother Teresa.  
Role of civil society in solving social problems.

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## COURSE OUTCOME

The course content would lead to a better sociological understanding of social problems in India in terms of conceptual clarity and theoretical perspectives. The students will have a detailed understanding of major social problems in India and the remedial measures to overcome such social problems.

## SOC-SEC-151

### ICT AND COMPUTER APPLICATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

FullMarks:Semester-70+Internal-30=100  
PassMarks:Semester-28+ Internal-12=40

No.ofCredits:3  
No.ofLectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE:** Basic or fundamental knowledge in computer education is must now for all people. Students need to know and use computer to facilitate their everyday study to develop their skills. Hence the course intends to acquaint the students about essential features and basic programs including software of computer.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT I** : **Basic of computer**  
Hardware, Definition, Types and anatomy of computer, History of computer generation, Application
- UNIT II** : **Internet–Genesis, CMC (Computer Mediated Communication)**  
Search Engine: Jstor, Google, Yahoo, Bing
- UNIT III** : **E-methods**  
Application in Research
- UNIT IV** : **Software**  
MS office SPSS  
NVivo  
Referencing Plagiarism
- UNIT V** : **Computer Digital Library**  
Swayam Shodhganga  
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DelNet

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## **COURSE OUTCOME**

The course content is very much useful and stands high relevance for all students who will excel by doing their respective works through use of ICT or appropriate application of computer technology. The students will further undertake both qualitative and quantitative studies by using the technology and fit that strongly at par with global standards and competition by getting good employment opportunities vis-a-vis developing their own industry of employability.

## **SEMESTER-III**

### **SOC- DSC-201 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

FullMarks: 70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No.ofCredits:4  
No.ofLectures:60

This course aims to introduce the body of sociological theory developed over the last several centuries.

- UNIT-I** : **Evolutionary theory**  
Auguste Comte  
Herbert Spencer
- UNIT-II** : **Functional theory**  
Durkheim  
Malinowski
- UNIT-III** : **Marxian theory**  
Karl Marx
- UNIT-IV** : **Symbolic Interactionism**  
Herbert Mead  
Herbert Blumer
- UNIT-V** : **Recent trends in sociological theories**  
Modernism  
Post –modernism  
Structuralism and post-structuralism,  
Feminism  
Structuration

#### **Reading list**

Althusser, Louis 1969: *For Marx*, London: Penguin Books

Aron, Raymond. 1965 (1967): *Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. I and II*. Penguin (chapter on Marx, Durkheim and Weber)

Blumer, Herbert 1987: *Symbolic Interactions: Perspective and Method*, California: University of California, Press

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**SOC-DSC-202**  
**SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS-I**

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**Objective**

The course aims to provide an understanding of the nature of social phenomena, the issues involved in social research and the ways and means of understanding and studying social reality.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**UNIT-I : Social Research - Meaning and Types**

What is Social Research?

Types of research- Basic and applied, Qualitative and quantitative

Major steps in social science research

**UNIT-II : Formulation of Research Problem**

Concepts and hypothesis

**UNIT-III : Scientific study of social phenomenon**

Scientific Method,

Logic in social science Research: Inductive and deductive method,

Objectivity and subjectivity in social science.

**UNIT-IV : Philosophical bases of social research**

Positivism and empiricism; Critique of positivism

**UNIT-V : Research Design: Descriptive, explanatory and experimental**

**READING LIST**

Bajaj and Gupta. 1983. *Elements of Statistics*, New Delhi, R. Chand and Company

Beteille, A and T.N. Madan. 1975. *Encounter and Experience: Personal Accounts of Field work*. New Delhi, Vikas Publishing House

Bryman, Alan. 1988. *Quality and Quantity in Social Research*. London, Unwin Hyman

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**SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN INDIA**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No.ofCredits:4  
No.ofLectures:60

**Objective**

The course aims to explore and acquaint students about some vital issues and problems of the complex society they live in. The course may help to understand the genesis of the social problems and help in suggesting viable measures to effectively deal with the social problem.

- UNIT-I** : Meaning and nature of social problems  
Major theories of social problems:  
Functional approach  
Conflict approach  
Interactionist approach
- UNIT-II** : Family-related problems  
Dowry  
Divorce  
Family disintegration  
Intergenerational and intergenerational conflict
- UNIT-III** : Socio-economic problems  
Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Courts, Probation,  
White Collar Crime  
Drug Abuse,  
Alcoholism  
Poverty,  
Unemployment  
Population Growth & Urbanisation
- UNIT-IV** : Socio-political problems  
Communalism  
Casteism  
Regionalism  
Ethnic Conflicts  
National Integration
- UNIT-V** : Contemporary Issues  
Globalisation and consumerism  
Cyber crimes  
Terrorism  
Environmental problems

LGBTQ+  
Honour killing

**Reading list:**

- Ahuja, Ram, 1999: *Social Problems in India*, New Delhi, Rawat Publications.
- Beteille, Andre. 1974. *Social Inequality*: New Delhi: OUP
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INDIAN SOCIETY

Full marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No of Credits: 3  
No. of Lectures: 45

**Course**

- UNIT I : Indian Society**  
Distinctive characteristics  
Textual and field views
- UNIT II : Social Composition**  
Rural-urban differences, rural-urban linkages  
Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, women, minorities
- UNIT III : Basic Institutions**  
Family & marriage-features, types & change  
Caste, class-Meaning, characteristics, interrelationship
- UNIT IV : Cultural and Ethnic Diversity**  
Languages, castes, religions and cultures in India  
Cultural and ethnic diversity in North East India
- UNIT V : Social Convergence and Integration**  
Sharing of material traits and language  
Evolution of composite cultural legacy  
Nation-building and national identity

**Reading list**

- Bose, N.K. 1975: *Structure of Hindu Society*. New Delhi.
- Bose, N.K. 1967. *Culture and Society in India*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.
- Deb, Bimal J. 2010. *Population and Development in North East India*. New Delhi: Concept. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
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**SOC-SEC-201**  
**FIELD STUDY AND REPORT WRITING**

Full Marks: Semester-70+Internal-30=100  
Pass Marks: Semester-28+Internal-12=40

No. of Credit– 3  
No. of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVE**

To inculcate research culture among students and to develop among students the sense of working together in a team.

**INTERNSHIP**

In this course, students are required to undertake an internship in Governmental or Non-Governmental organisations or a community. They will be expected to spend a minimum of 40 hours in these set ups (organisations/communities).

**Students are required to identify:**

- i. The nature of their (organisations) programmes, intervention strategies and assessing their effectiveness or
- ii. Study the community structure, resources, problems, community organisations and community welfare/ developmental measures.

Students are to submit weekly reports on their progress in the organisations/communities to the concerned Mentor and will prepare a final report. Students' performances will be evaluated on the basis of their reports submitted and a Viva-voce conducted by the Department.

## FIELD WORK

In lieu of Internship the students may opt for Field Work on any of the following areas mentioned below.

### Suggestive Practices:

**1. Swachh Bharat Internship/Field Work on Swachh Bharat**

The 50/70 hour experiential internship would require the student to visit one or more villages and conduct activities of their choice to contribute to the cause of rural sanitation.

**Activities:**

- Awareness Campaigns/Field Work on awareness, etc.
- Street plays
- Swachhata Melas
- Village or school level rallies
- Wall paintings on public walls & government buildings (Panchayat office).

**2. Social awareness internship on non-profit management**

In Nivedita Nari Sangstha (Social Welfare Women Organization), Kabiura Lane, Meherpur, Silchar-788015, Phone-9435010157

Emailid: [nss.silchar@gmail.com](mailto:nss.silchar@gmail.com)

**3. Internship with Old Age Home.**

**4. Internship in a Drug-de-addiction centre and similar organisation and communities.**

**Course Outcome:** The course would equip students to acquire the skills of application of the practical knowledge of fields.



## **SEMESTER-IV**

### **SOC-DSC-251 RURAL SOCIOLOGY**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

#### **Objective**

The course aims to provide knowledge on distinctness of sociological scholarship as a separate cognitive discipline on rural dimensions in India. It helps to develop an understanding about the fundamental social reality, social processes and changes in developmental perspectives of rural communities.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I** : **Rural Sociology –**  
Definition  
Subject matter & Scope  
Significance of Rural Sociology
- UNIT-II** : **Rural society in India**  
Family, ritual structure, castes,  
Occupations, Labour  
Market and technology
- UNIT-III** : **Agrarian social structure in India**  
Agrarian relations,  
Jajmani System  
Changing labour market,  
Rural-urban migration
- UNIT-IV** : **Rural power structure in India**  
Caste, class and rural politics,  
Panchayati Raj and issues of development
- UNIT-V** : **Rural development in Northeast India**  
Autonomous councils,  
Panchayati Raj Institutions,  
Village development boards,  
Issues and problems of Development

## READINGLIST

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- Srinivas, M.N. 1969. *Social Change in Modern India*, Berkeley: University of California Press.

**SOC-DSC-252**  
**URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**Objective**

Main objective of the course is to provide knowledge on distinctness of sociological scholarship as a separate cognitive discipline on urban dimensions in India vis-à-vis to help in developing an understanding about the fundamental social reality, social processes and changes seen in developmental perspectives of urban centers and communities.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I : Urban sociology**  
Definition  
Subject matter & Scope  
significance of urban sociology
- UNIT-II : Urbansocialstructure**  
Distinctive characteristics of family, marriage, caste and religion
- UNIT-III : Urbaneconomy**  
Occupations, labour market and technology,  
role of industry in urban social structure,  
migration
- UNIT-IV : Urbanpowerstructure**  
Caste, class and politics in urban areas,  
local governance in urban communities
- UNIT-V: UrbandevelopmentissuesinIndia**  
Urbanization in North-East India

## READINGLIST

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D'Souza, Alfred. 1978. *Indian City: Poverty, Ecology and Urban Development*, Manohar, New Delhi

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**SOC-DSC-253**  
**FAMILY, KINSHIP AND MARRIAGE**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100  
Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. Of Credits: 4  
No. Of lectures: 60

**Objective**

The objective of this course is to acquaint students with basic concepts of kinship, family and marriage in the perspective of society. Special focus is given to study kinship, family and marriage in the regional variations and significance of cultural diversity and pluralism in India.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I** : **Kinship** – Meaning and types, types of kins, descent and alliance, kinship terms  
**UNIT-II** : **Marriage** – Definition, rules of marriage, types of marriage  
**UNIT-III** : **Marriage transactions** – bride wealth and dowry, dowry deaths in India  
**UNIT-IV** : **Concepts of family and household**, functions of family, types of family  
**UNIT-V** : **Kinship usages**, continuity and change in marriage and family in India

**READING LIST**

- Fox, Robin 1967 *Kinship and Marriage: An anthropological perspective*, Penguin  
Kissinger, R.M 1975 *Kin groups and social structure*, New York, Holt Rinehart  
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**SOC-DSM-I-251**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF NORTH-EAST INDIA**

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 3  
No. of Lectures: 45

**Objective:**

The course aims to explore and acquaint students about some vital issues and dimensions of the complex society they live in. By the process of unearthing of facts and figures about the nature and structure of the region's historical trajectories, the course may help to understand the genesis of the problems of the region and help suggesting viable measures to address/redress these issues and problems for an all-round, inclusive development and change in the North-east society.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I** : **North-east India**  
Historical background,  
Demographic profile, Socio-cultural Profile,  
Constitutional provisions, Role of VIth Schedule,  
North East Council
- UNIT-II** : **Conceptualising North east India**  
Politico-economic approaches, Ecological Construction,  
Cultural-historical dimension, unity in diversity

- UNIT-III** : **Social structure of North east India**  
Caste, class, community, tribe, religion
- UNIT-IV** : **Study of selected tribes in North east India**  
Khasi, Naga, Mizo, Garo, Jaintia, Riang, Dimasa, Karbi
- UNIT-V** : **Social Movements**  
Assam movement, Bodoland movement, language movement

### READING LIST

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- Dhanagare, D. N. 1993. *Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology*. Rawat Publication
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- Choudhuri, B. 1990. *Tribal development in India: Problems and Prospects*
- Das, N K. 1989. *Ethnic Identity, Ethnicity and Social Stratification in North East India*
- Datta, A. 1991. *Rise and Growth of the National Movement in Assam in the Twentieth Century till 1940*
- Datta Ray, B. 1987. *Patterns and Problems in North East India*
- Datta-Roy, B. 1998. *Social and Economic Profiles of North East India*, B. R. Publications
- Datta, P S. 1991. *Ethnic Movements in Poly-ethnic Assam*
- Dev, J. and Lahiri. *Cosmogony of Caste and Mobility in Assam*
- Gopal K, R. 1990. *The North East India: Land, Economy and People*
- Guha, Amlendu, 1991. *Medieval and Early Colonial Assam*
- Horam, M. 1990. *North East India: A Profile*
- Mathew, T (ed.). *Tribal Economy of North Eastern Religion*, Shillong, NEC
- Nag, S. 1990. *Roots of Ethnic Conflict: Nationality Question in North East India*
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**SOC-DSM-II-252**  
**MEDIA AND SOCIETY**

FullMarks:70+30=100

Credits: 3

PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of

No. of Lectures: 45

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**UNIT-I : Foundations of Communication**

Communication: Meaning, definitions, and scopes  
Elements, process, models, and functions of Communication  
Types and classifications of communication  
Intrapersonal, Interpersonal, Group, and Organisational communication  
Mass Communication

**UNIT-II : Understanding Mass Communication**

Mass Communication: Meaning, definitions and scopes.  
Functions of Mass Communication  
Critical Concepts in Mass Communication  
Forms of Mass Media: News and Entertainment media; Advertising and Public Relations

**UNIT-III : Media, Society, and Socialization**

Factors contributing to social integration and homogenisation of audiences.  
Implications for modern society  
Communication within groups and group impact on media

**UNIT-IV : Media's Reflection on Society**

Media's role in creating role models for children and adolescents.  
Media's influence on family values  
Media Effects Studies: Gender, Children, Violence, Persuasion, and Public Opinion  
Understanding the nature of mass society, mass culture, and mass behaviour

**UNIT-V : Media in a Global Context**

Digital media's impact on global culture  
Social media's role in international communication  
Issues and concerns in international communication  
Media globalisation and the flow of global content  
International communication in the age of media convergence  
Challenges and opportunities in international communication  
Online global media activism

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*Mass Communication Theory and Practice in the 21st Century* by Kalyani Chadha

*Communication: Principles for a Lifetime* by Steven A. Beebe and Susan J. Beebe

*Communication Theory: Epistemological Foundations* by Paul Coble

*Introduction to Mass Communication: Media Literacy and Culture* by Stanley J. Baran

*Mass Communication in India* by Keval J. Kumar

*Media and Communication Research Methods: An Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches* by Arthur Asa Berger



*Mass Communication Theory: Foundations, Ferment, and Future* by Stanley J. Baran and Dennis K. Davis

*Media & Culture: Mass Communication in a Digital Age* by Richard Campbell, Christopher R. Martin, and Bettina Fabos

*Media and Society in India* by K. Ravi Srinivas and Shalini Narayanan

*Media/Society: Industries, Images, and Audiences* by David Croteau and William Hoynes

*Media, Gender, and Popular Culture in India: Tracking Change and Continuity* by ShomaMunshi

*The Media and Social Theory* by David Hesmondhalgh

*Media and Culture: Global Homogeneity and Local Identity* by Biswajit Das

*Media Effects Research: A Basic Overview* by Glenn G. Sparks

*Media and the Transformation of Religion in South Asia* by Lawrence A. Babb

*Media Effects: Advances in Theory and Research* by Jennings Bryant and Mary Beth Oliver

*Global Media Industries: India 2.0* by ManjunathPendakur and VibodhParthasarathi

*Global Communication: Theories, Stakeholders, and Trends*by Thomas L. McPhail

*Media, Gender, and Identity in India: Essays in Politics, Culture, and Economy* edited by MaitrayeeChaudhuri and SaptarshiRouth

*Global Media Studies: An Ethnographic Perspective* by Toby Miller and Marwan M. Kraidy

## SEMESTER-V

### SOC-DSC-301 POLITY AND SOCIETY

Full Marks: 70+30= 100

Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 60

**Course Objectives:** This course aims to introduce the students to the study of Indian politics from a sociological Perspective. In the process, it attempts to give the students theories, categories and conceptual tools to understand politics in relation to society in general

**Course Learning Outcomes:** The course facilitates an understanding of the key concepts in political sociology as well as about the processes of political participation in its various forms. It also aims at developing the ability to critically analyse the political dynamics and develop an empathetic understanding about the participation and representation of multiple social groups.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT-I : Polity and Society**

Meaning and Scope; Inter Relationship between Polity and Society,

**UNIT- II : Approaches to Political Sociology**

Functional Marxism, Behavioural, Weberian

**UNIT-III : Political Process:**

Political culture

Political Socialisation

Political participation and voting behaviour

Political Elites - Nature and implications, Leading Elite theories-Mosca, Mills and Pareto;

**UNIT-IV : State and Civil Society:**

Political organisations; Monarchy, Democracy,

Political Institutions and Democratic Processes; Pressure groups, interest group

Challenges: Militancy , Fundamentalism , Regionalism

**UNIT-V : Polity and society in India**

Caste, Class, Gender, Religion in Indian Polity

Political Culture in India: Challenges of Nation Building in India

Challenges: Militancy, Fundamentalism, Regionalism

#### READING LIST

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**SOC-DSC-302**  
**ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100  
Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. Of Credits: 4  
No. Of Lectures: 60

**Course Objectives:**

The course introduces the students to the complex ways in which economic activity is embedded in social relations from a sociological view point. Students learn to develop an alternative perspective on economy and its various institutional and processual dimensions through comparative studies on economy and society.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- a) Familiarizes key concepts and theories about the interrelationship between economy and society.
- b) Describes socio-cultural basis of economic systems, institutions and actors in a comparative perspective.
- c) Helps to understand the current transformations of economy by identifying its key socio-cultural processes and institutions.
- d) Helps to formulate research questions and arguments about the socially embedded character of economy.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**UNIT-I : Economy and Society:**

Sociological aspects of economic processes;  
Relationship Between Economy and Society;  
Basic elements of economic process  
A. Barter  
B. Exchange  
C. Reciprocity  
D. Redistribution

**UNIT-II : Forms of Exchange:**

Barter System: meaning and limitations  
Exchange and Money: Types and Functions of Money,  
Market and society in India

**UNIT-III : Production, Circulation and Consumption**

System of production: labour intensive and capital intensive  
Mode of Production: Domestic Mode of Production; Peasant; Capitalism, Socialism.

**UNIT-IV : Economic issues in India:**

Globalisation, Development, Inflation, unemployment,  
Economic inequality, Poverty, Black Money, Underutilisation of public resources.

**UNIT-V : Rural Economy in India:**

Economic reforms India,  
Agrarian Economy: branches of Agriculture – changing role of agriculture.

**Recommended books:**

- Weber, Max 1999: *Essay in Economic Sociology*, ed, by Richard Svedberg, Prince town University Press. Chapter sixteen, Sociological category of economic action.
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- Anderson Perry 1996: *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, London. NLB:Verso
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**SOC-DSC-303**  
**SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100  
Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:**

This course will deliberate on the concepts and theories of social exclusion and inclusion in general and India in particular. Social exclusion can be analysed on differential bases of gender, caste, class, region and religion, individual and collective. In Indian society, social exclusion generally takes place on basis of collective identity. The course will help student to analyse social exclusion in various Indian social institutions.

**UNIT-I : Social Exclusion and Inclusion: Concepts and Theories**

Discrimination, deprivation and exclusion

Social Inclusion, Social Justice, and Equity

**UNIT-II : Methodology in Social Exclusion and Inclusion**

Tools and Techniques

Measurement: Levels and Degrees of Social Exclusion and Inclusion

**UNIT-III : Social Exclusion and Inclusion – Contextualization and Perspectives**

Individual and Collectivity

Socio-cultural Economic Political Spheres

Subaltern Perspective

**UNIT- IV : Institutions and System of Social Exclusion**

Caste, Class, Race, Religion, Tribe, Ethnicity, Sex, Gender, Disability,

Region,

Language

**UNIT-V : Exclusion to Inclusion**

Constitution, State – Legislations, Programs and Policies

Social Movements, Civil Society

Social Mobility and Change

Emergence of Inclusive society

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- Chakravarti, U. (2006). *Gendering Caste through a Feminist Lens*. Calcutta. Stree
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**SOC-DSM-I-301**  
**HEALTH AND SOCIETY**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100  
Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. of Credits: 3  
No. of Lectures: 30+15 hour project

**Objectives the course**

This course aims to introduce the learner about intricacy of health and disease with Sociology. It highlights the central importance of social, cultural, economic, and political dimensions of health from a sociological perspective. Students will acquire basic knowledge of medical sociology, one of the relevant branches of sociology. This paper is designed to understand how sociological theories are applied in the studies of medical sociology, the genesis of Medical Sociology, its theory, and an overview of community or public health and the public health system in India.

**Course outcome:**

After the completion of the course, the students will be able to understand the concepts, aims, and objectives of the study on Health and disease and its social relevance. This paper will illustrate the significance of health and hygiene in overcoming the means of various communicable and non-communicable diseases. It will help to understand new vistas to acquire basic knowledge of Medical Sociology.

**UNIT-I : Sociological Concepts:**

Health, Disease, illness and sickness,  
Concept of Disease and disease causation as well as prevention:  
Primary Secondary and Tertiary.

**UNIT-II : Origin and Development:**

Rise of medical sociology, meaning,  
Nature, Scope, and Importance  
Theories: Germ theory, theory of sick role, epidemiology,  
Culture and health, health and social behaviour

**UNIT-III : What is Social Medicine?**

Meaning and scope,  
genesis and evolution of social medicine,  
development of preventive and social medicine and challenges

**UNIT-IV : Community Health:**

Public health in India and evolution,  
determinants of health, dimensions of health,  
role and responsibilities of health care provider.

**UNIT-V : Health care delivery system in India:**

Public health, private health,  
indigenous system of medicine,

voluntary health agencies,  
national health programme.

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**SOC-DSM-II 302**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY**

FullMarks:70+30=100

PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 3

No. of Lectures: 45

**Course Objectives**

1. This course acquaints students to familiarize with the conceptual and Theoretical perspectives of Sociology of Environment.
2. It gives the students an understanding on the Contemporary issues on environment in the globe and Indian Society.

**Course Outcomes:**

1. Understanding the different types of environmental issues and problems.
2. Identify the diverse theoretical perspectives and conceptual issues in environmental Sociology.
3. Understanding the environmental concerns in the globe and India in particular.
4. Understand the environmental movements in India.
5. Elaborate the issues pertaining to development and sustainability.

**UNIT-I : Emergence of Environmental Sociology**

Society Environment Relation: Classical thinkers

History of emergence of Environmental Sociology

Post-developmentalism

**UNIT-II : Global Environmental Problems and Implications for society**

Global warming, Environmental pollution

Ozone depletion, Climate change

Theories of environmental Degradation

**UNIT-III : Major Environmental Debates**

North South Divide

Climate change debates

Environmental Justice and third world environmentalism

Environment and gender

**UNIT-IV : Major Environmental Movements in the world**

Friends of the Earth, Green Peace International

Green Belt movement

Environmental Movements as New Social Movement

**UNIT-V : Environmentalism in India**

Mahatma Gandhi, Petrick Geddes and Radhakamal Mukherjee

Chipko movement, Narmada BachaoAndolan, Navdanya

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**SOC-SEC-301**  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / FIELDWORK**

FullMarks: Semester70+ Internal30=100  
PassMarks: Semester28+ Internal 12=40

No. of Credits: 2  
No. of Lectures: 30

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Objective:** This course aims to help the students relate what they study in the classroom with field realities through community engagement. This course would encourage the students to understand community culture, lifestyles and causes for distress and poverty faced by vulnerable households. It also aimed at creating an appreciation among students of social field realities as holistic, respectful and inspiring.

### **Suggestive Practices:**

1. Anganwadi - as Community Resource Centre
2. Cancer Awareness Campaigns
3. A Model for Tribal Village Development
4. Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts/Women Prisoners.
5. Caring for Senior Citizens.
6. Social Insurance Awareness Programme.
7. Environmental Protection Campaign.
8. Total Literacy Drive.
9. Campaign for Waste Management and Cleanliness ( Campaign for Swatch Bharat)

**Course Outcome:** The students will be able to gain an understanding of social life, Indian Culture and ethos and social realities, identify opportunities for contributing to the overall development of society.

## **FIELD WORK**

**Objective:** To inculcate research culture among students. To develop among students the sense of working together in a team

In **Fieldwork** the students may opt for **Field Study based data collection (quantitative/qualitative)** on any of the following areas mentioned below.

## **Suggestive Practices:**

### **1. Field Work on Swatch Bharat**

The 50/70 hour experiential fieldwork would require the students to visit one or more villages and conduct activities of their choice to contribute to the cause of rural sanitation.

#### **Activities:**

- Awareness Campaigns, etc
- Street plays
- Swatchhata Melas
- Village or school level rallies
- Wall paintings on public walls & government buildings (Panchayat office).
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**2. Social awareness fieldwork on non-profit management in Nivedita Nari Sangstha** (Social Welfare Women Organization), Kabiura Lane, Meherpur, Silchar-788015, Phone-9435010157

Email id: [nss.silchar@gmail.com](mailto:nss.silchar@gmail.com)

**3. Field work with Old Age Home.**

**4. Field work in a Drug de-addiction centre and similar organisation and communities.**

**Course Outcome:** The course would equip students to acquire the skills of applications of theoretical knowledge to fields.

## **SEMESTER – VI**

### **SOC-DSC-351**

#### **THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVE IN SOCIOLOGY**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100

Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. Of Credits: 4

No. Of Lectures: 60

**OBJECTIVE:** The course presents an overview of how the discipline of Sociology emerged. The course introduces students to the writings of classical thinkers such as Marx, Weber, Comte and Durkheim in order to show they broaden the nature and scope of Sociology. It introduces students to the various conceptual approaches that have been predominant in Sociological work. From approaches like that of classical structuralism, functionalism, Interactionist and modernism and spatial approaches, the course lays down the theoretical ground for sociological research.

**LEARNING OUTCOME:** The course will demonstrate to students the manner in which particular theoretical frameworks emerged to understand society as an autonomous field not reducible to other disciplinary fields. The students will be able to engage with conceptual frameworks in Sociology with ease and apply them to their understanding of social issues.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

**UNIT- I : Pioneering Contributors of Sociological Theories:**

Auguste Comte: Social Statistics and Dynamics, Law of Three Stages

Herbert Spencer: Social Evolution

**UNIT- II Classical Thinkers**

Emile Durkheim: The Division of Labour and Forms of Solidarity, The Theory of Suicide

Karl Marx: Historical/Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Class Struggle

Max Weber: Social Action, Theory of Authority

**UNIT-III : Theoretical Perspective I**

Talcott Parson: Systemic View of Society,

R. K Merton: Systematic view of Society,

A. R Radcliffe Brown: Approach to Structuralism,

C Levi Strauss: Approach to Structuralism.



**UNIT-IV : Theoretical Perspective II**

Conflict Functionalism of Lewis Coser,  
Dialectic Sociology of Ralf Dahrendorf,  
Mead's Approach to Symbolic Interactionism,  
A Schutz Approach to Phenomenology

**UNIT- V : Recent Trends in Sociological Theorizing**

Structuration of Anthony Giddens,  
Neo-Functionalism of Alexander,  
Neo-Marxism L. Althusser,  
Middle Range Theory

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

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**SOC-DSC-352**  
**INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL TRADITION**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100  
Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. Of Credits: 4  
No. Of Lectures: 60

**Objectives**

This course is designed to familiarize students with social, political economic and intellectual contexts in which Sociology emerge as distinct discipline. To understand the development of sociological thought as well as their cultural relevance to contemporary concern.

**Learning Outcome:** Students will be familiarized with social, economic, political and intellectual contexts. It helps to understand in Indian society in the backdrop of above context

**Course Outline**

- UNIT-I** : **Historical and Indological Perspective**  
D.D Kosambi, RomilaThapar, Radha Kamal Mukherjee,  
G.S.Ghurey, Louis Dumont
- UNIT-II** : **Marxist Perspective**  
D.PMukherjee, A.R.Desai,  
RamkrishnaMukherjee, D.N.Dhanagare
- UNIT-III** : **Structural–Functional Perspective**  
M.N.Srinivas, S.C.Dube, McKim Marriot
- UNIT-IV** : **Cultural and Civilisational Perspective**  
Y.Singh,N.K.Bose,SurajitSinha
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B.R.Ambedkar, RanjitGuha, David Hardiman

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**SOC-DSC-353**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNICATION**

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**Objective**

The course intends to examine the issues pertaining to communication, media and its role in Social life and development.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Unit I:** Definition of communication, forms of communication, functions of Communication

**Unit II:** Theories of communication, traditional and folk media, new media

**Unit III:** Communication and rural development, communication and globalization, communication and nation-building, Communication and political development

**Unit IV:** Media and women, media and environment, media terrorism and war

**Unit V:** Development communication, human right and communication, health and Communication

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**SOC-DSC-354**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF TRIBES**

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**Objective**

Tribe constitutes a significant segment of India society. By and large, students have a partial and superficial knowledge about them. The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive profile of tribal's in terms of their distribution and concentration, demographic.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I** : Concept of tribe, classification of tribes-food gatherers, hunters, shifting cultivators, nomads, pastoralist peasants and settled agriculturists, artisans
- UNIT-II** : Tribal society- kinship, marriage and family, religious beliefs and practices, youth dormitories
- UNIT-III** : Tribes in India: Hinduisation & Sanskritisation, formation of tribal's status, impact of colonial rule
- UNIT-IV** : Tribal development programmes, tribal integration and identity crises after India's Independence
- UNIT-V** : Problems of poverty, indebtedness & land alienation; tribal movements

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## SOC- DSM-I-351

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

FullMarks:70+30=100

PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 60

**OBJECTIVE:** Science and technology have had a significant impact on society as a whole. Science and technology have transformed the way of life of people. This course therefore primarily intends to develop an understanding of the inter-phase of science and technology with Society. It also exposes students to philosophical, historical and sociological perspective to look science as a practice deeply embedded in culture and society.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT-I : Introduction to Science Technology and Society**

History and development of science, Science as a social institution, Agricultural technology, textile technology, military technology, printing press and industrialisation

**UNIT-II : The Sociology of Science: Founding Arguments**

Thomas Kuhn's scientific revolution  
Robert Merton and Sociology of Science: Ethos and values  
Durkheimian approach to science

**UNIT-III : Impact of Science and technology on Society:**

Technology and Social Change  
Technological Divide; Science technology and Development; Digital India

**UNIT-IV : Innovation and technology for gender equality**

Feminist standpoint on science  
Impact of technological change on women  
Women's safe and equal access to digital technology.

**UNIT-V : Technology and everyday life**

Debates about digital piracy and privacy  
Science and technology in a dynamic relation with social life and cultural ideas

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## **LEARNING OUTCOME**

The teaching of this course would help the students to determine the relationship between science technology and Society as this course articulate the impact of science and technology on society. It will further help the students to understand the change and development of Society by science and technology.

## SEMESTER-VII

### SOC-DSC-401 SOCIALRESEARCHMETHODS-II

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No.ofCredits:4  
No.ofLectures:60

#### Objectives

The course aims to provide an understanding of methods, tools and techniques of collection, presentation and analysis of data as only instruments and not the end goal of research.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT-I** : Quantitative and qualitative methods- ethnography, observation, case study, content analysis
- UNIT-II** : Types of data- primary and secondary,
- UNIT-III** : Techniques of data collection- sampling, observation, questionnaire, Schedule and interview
- UNIT-IV** : Presentation of Data- coding, tables, graphs, histograms, measures of Central tendency and dispersion of data
- UNIT-IV** : Field visit, analysis and Report writing

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**SOC-DSC-402**  
**SOCIAL STRATIFICATION**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**Course Objectives**

1. This course acquaints students to Social Inequalities and Social Stratification.
2. It gives the students an understanding on the principal theoretical perspectives, diverse forms of social inequality and throws some lights on stratification in Contemporary Indian Society.

**Course Outcomes:**

1. Students will learn about the socio-historical context of stratification in the world and India.
2. Students will have an idea on the theoretical concerns and problems and contemporary issues related to inequalities and its forms.
3. Inculcate in them a truly inter-disciplinary approach in the study of society especially stratification in all its manifestations.
4. Understanding of stratification and theories would sensitize students to its various sociological aspects, providing ample scope for applied learning and application.
6. Examining forms of stratification, forms and process of social mobility and understanding the relevance of caste, race and ethnic identities in contemporary India.

**Course Outline**

**UNIT- I : Social Stratification and Social Inequality**

Concept of Social Stratification,  
Characteristics of Social Stratification;  
Social Stratification, Social Differences and Social Inequality

**UNIT- II : Forms and Dimensions of Stratification**

Forms of Social Stratification – Slavery, Estate, Caste and Class  
Dimensions of and Bases of Social Stratification – Income, Wealth, Power and Occupational Prestige

**UNIT III : Theories of Stratification**

Functional Theory – Davis and Moore ,  
Conflict Theory – Karl Marx's Theory of Class and Social Change.  
Max Weber's Theory of Class, Status and Power.

**UNIT- IV : Hierarchy and Stratification in Contemporary India**

Hierarchy in Indian Society;  
Approaches to Social Stratification,  
Stratification on the basis of caste, Class;

Stratification on the basis of Gender,  
Stratification on the basis of Ethnicity,  
Stratification on the basis of Community.

**UNIT- V : Social Mobility**

Meaning of Social Mobility,  
Forms of Social Mobility: Horizontal and Vertical,  
Intergenerational and Intergenerational Mobility.  
Role of Education and Professions in the rise of Middle Class  
Mobility of Caste in Contemporary India

**READING LIST:**

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## SOC-DSC-403

### SOCIOLOGY OF DIASPORA

FullMarks: 70+30=100

PassMarks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 60

#### Objectives:

The course intends to introduce students to Indian diaspora. This course would help the students to understand the significance of the diaspora, clarify basic concepts and familiarize with different theories. The historical, social, political, and economic context of India diaspora would be examined along with the various approaches to study diaspora. It also analyses processes of change and continuity among diasporic Indians; examines issues confronting them and discusses mutual orientation of diasporic Indians and Indians.

#### COURSE OUTLINE:

- UNIT- I** : **Diaspora: Concept and Theories**  
Migration and Diaspora: Concept and Meaning  
Approaches to study Diaspora  
Theories of Diaspora
- UNIT-II** : **Historical background of the Indian Diaspora**  
Pre-colonial: Trade, Religion, and Empire  
Colonial: Indentureship, Kangani, Maistry and Free/Passage  
Postcolonial: Contemporary trends since 1947
- UNIT-III** : **Case Studies of the Indian Diaspora(Old)**  
Asia – Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore  
Middle East – Gulf countries  
Africa - Mauritius, South Africa, East Africa  
Caribbean – Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, Surinam
- UNIT-IV** : **Case Studies of the Indian Diaspora(New)**  
North America – USA and Canada  
Europe – UK, France, Germany, Netherlands  
Australia & Oceania – Australia, New Zealand and Fiji
- UNIT-V** : **Issues of Indian Diaspora**  
Brain Drain, Brain Gain, Brain Circulation  
Remittances and its socio-economic impact  
Indian Diaspora: Policy issues in India  
Indian Diaspora connections with Homeland  
Relations with the Host societies



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### **Learning Outcome**

On completion the students should be able to conceptualize diaspora as an area of sociology, forms and perspectives and identity shape.

**SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100

Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. Of Credits: 4

No. Of Lectures: 60

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**UNIT-I : Introduction**

Meaning and Nature of Development, Characteristics of Development, Rise of and End of Colonialism (in the Third World Countries) and Desire for Development, Difference between Development, Growth and Under Development.

**UNIT-II : Concepts of Development**

Economic Development, Social Development, Sustainable Development, Transformation of Indian Society since Independence its Faces and Challenges.

**UNIT-III : Perspectives of Development**

Indian Paradigm and Perspective on Development; Pre-Independence, Post-Independence and Development after 1990s', Development of Under Development, Development and Empowerment, Human Development.

**UNIT-IV : Theories of Development**

Dependency Theory of A. G. Frank, World System Theory of E Wallerstein, Un-equal Exchange Theory of Samir Amin, Economic Growth Theory of W. W Rostow, Dimensions of neo-liberalism, –India – from mixed economy to neo-liberal reform.

**UNITV : Development and Culture and Alternatives**

Classical Sociology and Notions of Social Change, Role of Culture in Development, Role of ICT in Social Development, Alternative Approaches to Development; Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore.

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**SOC-DSM-I-401**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION**

Full Marks: 70+30= 100  
Pass Mark: 28+12= 40

No. Of Credits: 4  
No. Of Lectures: 60

**Objectives:** The course intends to introduce students to Migration which is one the oldest phenomenon of human mobility which shaped, changed, and reshaped the societies and civilizations and continues to do so. This course would help the students to understand the basic concept, types, causes, and patterns of migration, and familiarize them with different theories associated with it. Moreover, it will provide a broad historical and contemporary outlook on the migratory trends and patterns across the globe and in India in particular. Lastly, it will explore the social, political, and economic consequences and impact of migration on both the origin and destination. The paper attempts to understand the migration as a social phenomenon from a sociological perspective.

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**UNIT-I : Migration**

Concept and Definition  
Types and Patterns  
Causes and Factors  
Internal and International Migration  
Voluntary and Forced Migration

**UNIT-II : Theories of Migration**

E. G. Revenstein's Laws Of Migration  
Gravity Model  
Stouffer's Theory of Mobility  
Push-Pull Theory by Everett Lee  
Zelinsky Migration Transition Model

**UNIT-III : Migration across the Globe**

History of Migration  
Colonial Expansion  
Labour migration during colonialism

Post-world war – migration to developed countries – Europe, North America, Canada, and Gulf

**UNIT-IV : Migration and India**

Ancient & Medieval – trade, empire, and religion

Colonial – Indentured, Kangani/Maistry, Free or Passage

Modern – post independence - Internal and International migration

#### **UNIT–V : Migration and Development**

Impact of Migration – Demographic, social, and political

Economic – remittances

Brain Drain, Brain Gain, Brain circulation

Migration and Sustainable development

Internally Displaced People

#### **OUTCOME**

After studying the course, the students must be able to understand the concept of migration as social phenomenon and its consequences from a sociological perspective.

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## **SEMESTER-VIII**

### **SOC-DSC-451 SOCIOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENT**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

#### **Course Objectives**

1. This course acquaints students to familiarize with the conceptual and Theoretical perspectives of Sociology of Environment.
2. It gives the students an understanding on the Contemporary issues on environment in the globe and Indian Society.

#### **Course Outcomes:**

1. Understanding the different types of environmental issues and problems.
2. Identify the diverse theoretical perspectives and conceptual issues in environmental Sociology.
3. Understanding the environmental concerns in the globe and India in particular.
4. Understand the environmental movements in India.
5. Elaborate the issues pertaining to development and sustainability.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

##### **UNIT-I : Environmental Sociology: Nature and Scope:**

Emergence of Environmental Sociology

Conceptualization of Society-Environment Relationship: Human Ecology Model,

Society – Environment Interactions and Society – Environment Dialectic.

Global Environmental Problems: Global Warming, Ozone Depletion, Smog,

Acid Rain and Other Ecosystem Disruptions.

Challenges for Environmental Sociology, Environment and Sustainable Development

##### **UNIT-II : Key Concepts in Environmental Sociology:**

New Human Ecology, Environmental Attitudes and Behaviours & Practices,  
Environmentalism, Environmental Risk and Hazards, Ecological Complex,



Environmental Metabolism, Global Environmental Change

**UNIT- III : Classical Sociological Thoughts on Environment**

Karl Marx, Max Weber and Emile Durkheim on Environmental Concerns

Radha Kamal Mukherjee and Ramchandra Guha on Environmental Concerns

**UNIT-IV : Environmental Movements in India**

Forest Based Movement – Chipko

Water Based Movement – Narmada

Land Based Movements – Anti-mining and Seed

**UNIT V : Environmental Justice and Policies**

Meaning of Environmental Justice, Problems of Environmentalism and Modern Industrial Society

Causes of Environmental Crisis, Impact of Environmental Degradation,

The Need for Environmental Justice, Efforts to Improve Environmental Justice,

Policies for Environmental Justice.

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## **SOC-DSM-451 GENDER AND SOCIETY**

Full Mark: Semester 70 +Internal 30=100  
Pass Mark: Semester 28+Internal 12=40

Credit -4  
No. of lectures -60

**OBJECTIVE:** This course introduces gender as critical Sociological lens of enquiry in relation to various social fields. To sensitize the students regarding the gender issues and its inequalities prevalent in the Society. Moreover, this course is designed in such a way that will encourage capacity building among the students to enable them to remove gender biasness in the existing society.

### **COURSES OUTLINE**

**UNIT-I : Understanding Gender**

Gender & Sex: meaning and difference, gender roles, gender stereotype, gendered division of labour.

Patriarchy: meaning and types

**UNIT- II : Gender sensitisation and Movement**

Gender sensitisation: meaning, nature and significance.

Challenges of gender sensitisation

**UNIT- III : Gender Difference and Inequalities**

Caste, class, family, religion, work and politics

**UNIT-IV : Gender Rights and Law**

Human right, constitutional rights and legal rights

Violence against women, sexual harassment, domestic violence and rape

**UNIT-V : Gender theories**

Social role theory

Feminism: liberal feminism, Radical feminism, Marxist, Social and eco feminism.

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## **LEARNING OUTCOME**

The teaching of this course will help the students in developing empathy across genders and breaking down gender discrimination and violence. It will in identifying and analysing the links among gender, sexuality, identity, power, and social justice.

**SOC-DSC-452**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**Course objective:**

This course introduces the learner to the intricacies of health and disease from the perspective of Sociology. It provides insights into the social dimensions of health. The concepts of health, disease and sickness enable the learner to understand the health behaviour of individuals and groups in a society. The course lays the foundation for a separate branch of sociology, Medical Sociology, where sociological theories are applied in the study of health and disease.

**UNIT-I : Medical sociology and application of medical sociological Concepts:**

Nature and scope of medical sociology, significance of medical sociology  
Health, disease, illness and sickness: Meaning, definition and characteristics

**UNIT –II : Health and Society:**

Culture and health, social factors and health, health and Social behaviour

**UNIT-III : Origin and Development:**

Rise of Medical Sociology, Germ Theory, Theory of Sick Role, Epidemiology

**UNIT-IV : Theories of Interaction between Mind Body and Society**

Functionalism, Marxism and Symbolic Interactionism

**UNIT-V : Health and social inequality:**

Class, gender, ethnicity and race

Globalisation and health care system in India.

**Course outcome:** After the completion of course the students will be able to understand the concepts, aims and objectives of the study on the Health and disease and its social relevance. They will also understand the concepts of theories on health and disease. It will help to understand new vistas to acquire basic knowledge on medical Sociology.

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**SOC- DSC-453**  
**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

FullMarks:70+30=100  
PassMarks:28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 60

**OBJECTIVE:** Science and technology have had a significant impact on society as a whole. Science and technology have transformed the way of life of people. This course therefore primarily intends to develop an understanding of the inter-phase of science and technology with Society. It also exposes students to philosophical, historical and sociological perspective to look science as a practice deeply embedded in culture and society.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I** : **Introduction to Science Technology and Society**  
History and development of science, Science as a social institution, Agricultural technology, textile technology, military technology, the glass technology and the printing press
- UNI- II** : **The Sociology of Science: Founding Arguments**  
Thomas Kuhn's scientific revolution  
Robert Merton and Sociology of Science: Ethos and values  
Durkheimian approach to science
- UNIT-III** : **Impact of Science and technology on Society:**  
Technology and Social Change  
Technological Divide; Science technology and Development; Digital India
- UNIT-IV** : **Innovation and technology for gender equality**



Feminist standpoint on science  
Impact of technological change on women  
Women's safe and equal access to digital technology.

**UNIT-V : Technology and everyday life**

Debates about digital piracy and privacy  
Science and technology in a dynamic relation with social life and cultural ideas

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**LEARNING OUTCOME**

The teaching of this course would help the students to determine the relationship between science technology and Society as this course articulate the impact of science and technology on society. It will further help the students to understand the change and development of Society by science and technology.

**SOC - DSC - 454**  
**DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY**

Full Marks: Semester 70 + Internal 30 = 100

Credits – 4

Pass Marks: Semester 28 + Internal 12 = 40

No. of Lectures – 60

**OBJECTIVE:** Digital innovation is enabling new ways of knowing society, from online surveillance to behavioural analytics and real-time research. These new forms of computational social science have sparked intense debates across disciplines including sociology, computing and data science in recent years. This course will provide an overview of these debates, and offers an introduction to the key epistemic, methodological and normative issues. It helps to experiment with digital methods in order to imagine new ways of practicing sociology with technology. The course aims to foster knowledge about the social dynamics of digital technology and services in society. The course will develop sociological understanding of the way in which the digital technologies and services are socially shaped and how they feature in the social relations of society and in specific social contexts.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT- I** : **Understanding the Basic Concepts Related to Digital Sociology.**  
Meaning and Definition, Nature, Concepts, Social Formation of Digital, Social Media and Structural Divide.
- UNIT- II** : **Digital Sociology and Contemporary Society**  
Digital culture, New Directions and Future Challenges,  
Digital Societies During the Pandemic, Utopias and Realities, Digital Labour.
- Unit III** : **Sociological Analyses of Digital Media Use**

Use of Digital Media, Sense of Selves, Surveillance and Policing,  
Digital data Analysis,  
Use of Digital Data for Social Research either Quantitative or Qualitative,  
Social Movements

**UNIT- IV : Critical Digital Sociology**

Reflexive and Critical Analysis of Digital Media,  
Tech-driven Interaction; data and Civil Rights,  
Social Relationship and Community, Institutions  
Inequalities and Digital Divide.

**UNIT- V : Public Engagement with Technology**

Role of State, Shifting Social Norms, Race class Gender and Online Risk,  
Attention Economies; Market Morality and Becoming brand,  
Democratization and 'Up-Stream' Public Engagement with Technology.

**LEARNING OUTCOME**

The students will be able to identify the multiple and complex ways digital technology features in social life. Apply methodological and ethical knowledge to the sociologically informed researching of digital technology and services. Analyse the development and use of digital technology sociologically to evaluate the potential of sociological theory to aid our understanding of digital technology and to judge competing claims concerning the role of digital technology in social change. Students will gain a critical understanding of the role of digital technologies in everyday life, in working lives, in social policy and welfare, and in contemporary culture. They will also be able to assess the consequences of development and use of digital technology in wider social changes that characterize digital society.

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**SOC –DSC—455**  
**RESEARCH PROJECT/DISSERTATION #**

No. Of Credit- 12

**Objectives and Guidelines**

A Research Project dissertation to be prepared on a topic selected by the student from within the discipline of Sociology for a degree with research

- I. The topic of the Dissertation/ Research Project should be selected after consultation with the mentor/supervisor by the student.
- II. The research Project/dissertation may be based exclusively on library consultation/review of literature concerning the topic selected.
- III. The research Project/dissertation can also be field work based.
- IV. The students can discuss her/his proposal with and take official guidance from faculty members notified for the purpose by the department/collage to act as supervisor.
- V. The exercise of doing an independent research project/ dissertation involves considerable individual initiative and thinking among students at undergraduate level. Students may meet up with individual teachers of the department in fortifying their plans and finalising their options.

**Learning Outcomes**

- CO1. To develop a clear sense of direction early regarding the project and to create an interest in research work
- CO2. To engage the students with their area of interest in a more critical manner
- CO3. To create an opportunity to contribute new knowledge in their field of interest
- CO4. To engage students in and conduct original research