

**B.A.
Sociology**

**Scheme of Courses and Syllabus
Under New Education Policy (NEP)**

**University of Kalyani
2023**

B. A. SEMESTER-I

Major Course

Title of the Course: Introduction to Sociology-I

Course Code: SOC-M-T-1

Contact Periods per week: 6L + 1 Tutorial Per Course

Credits: 06

Marks: 60 + 15 (For internal Assessment) = 75

Course Objective:

The mandate of the course is to introduce the discipline to students from diverse trainings and capabilities. The course is intended to introduce the students to a sociological way of thinking. It also provides a foundation for the other more detailed and specialized courses in sociology.

Outline:

1. Sociology as Discipline (2 Credits)

- 1.1 Thinking Sociologically
- 1.2 Emergence of Sociology: Social and Intellectual Background
- 1.3 Scope and Subject-matter of Sociology

2. Sociology and Other Social Sciences (2 Credits)

- 2.1 Sociology and Anthropology
- 2.2 Sociology and Economics
- 2.3 Sociology and History
- 2.4 Sociology and Psychology
- 2.5 Sociology and Political Science

3. Basic Concepts (2 Credits)

- 3.1 Society, Community, Institution, Association, Organization
- 3.2 Social group and its forms
- 3.3 Culture: Meaning, elements and the concept of cultural lag
- 3.4 Social Process: Meaning and its types

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Sociology as Discipline

1.1 Thinking Sociologically

1.1.1 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.

1.1.2 Beteille, Andre, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter-1, 'Sociology and Common Sense', Pp.13-27.

1.1.3 Giddens, Anthony, 2009, *Sociology*, 6th Edition. London: Polity Press. Pp. 3-30.

1.2 Emergence of Sociology: Social and Intellectual Background

1.2.1 Ritzer, George, 1996, *Classical Sociological Theory*, 2nd ed. New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 1, A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory: The Early Years, Pp. 1-39.

1.2.2 Zeitlin, Irving M. 1968, *Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc. Pp. 35-42.

1.3 Scope and Subject-matter of Sociology

1.3.1 Elias, Norbert, 1978. *What is Sociology?* London: Hutchinson & Co. (Publishers) Ltd. Chapter-2, 'The sociologist as a destroyer of myths', Pp. 50-70.

1.3.2 Inkeles, Alex, 1964. *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India Ltd. Pp. 1-17.

2. Sociology and Other Social Sciences

2.1 Sociology and Anthropology

2.1.1 Bêteille, André, 1974, *Six Essays in Comparative Sociology*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1, 'Sociology and Social Anthropology', Pp. 1- 20.

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

2.2 Sociology and Economics

2.2.1 Beteille, Andre, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter-9, 'Economics and Sociology', Pp.175-195.

2.2.1 Portes, Alejandro, 2010, *Economic Sociology: A Systematic Inquiry*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter -1, 'Economic Sociology: Past Achievements and Present Challenges', Pp. 1-9.

2.3 Sociology and History

2.3.1 Burke, Peter, 1980, *Sociology and History*, George Allen and Unwin, Chapter 1, 'Sociologists and Historians', Pp.13-30.

2.3.2 Ogburn, William Fielding, and Alexander Goldenweiser, 1927, *The Social Sciences and Their Interrelations*. London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. Chapter-XIX, 'History and Sociology', by Franz Oppenheimer, Pp. 221-234.

2.4 Sociology and Psychology

2.4.1 Bottomore, T. B. 1970, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. Chapter 4, 'The Social Sciences, History and Philosophy', Pp. 57-75.

2.4.2 Beattie, John, 1966, *Other Cultures: Aims, Methods and Achievements in Social Anthropology*. London: Routledge, Chapter 2, 'Social Anthropology and Some Other Sciences of Man', Pp. 15-32.

2.5 Sociology and Political Science

2.5.1 Stuckenberg, J. H. W. 1898. *Introduction to the Study of Sociology*. New York: A. C. Armstrong and Son. Pp. 78-83.

2.5.2 Beteille, Andre, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter-8, 'Politics as a Subject for Sociology', Pp.151-174.

3. Basic Concepts

3.1. Society, Community, Institution, Association, Organization

3.1.1 MacIver, Robert M, and Charles Hunt Page. 1957. *Society*, New York: Macmillan & Co. Ltd. Chapter 1, 'Primary Concepts', Pp. 3-22.

3.1.2 Horton, Paul B., Chester L. Hunt. 1980, *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill, Chapter 9, Chapter 10, Pp.174-212.

3.1.3 Firth, Raymond, 1956, *Human Types: An Introduction to Social Anthropology*, New York: Thomas Nelson & Sons, Chapter 3, 'Work and Wealth of Primitive Communities', Pp. 71-97.

3.1.4 Rawat, H. K. 2007, *Sociology: Basic Concepts*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Pp. 57-74.

3.1.5 Newman, David M. 1997, *Sociology : Exploring the Architecture of Everyday life*. New Delhi: Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd. Pp. 279-316.

3.2. Social group and its forms

3.2.1. Rawat, H. K. 2007, *Sociology: Basic Concepts*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Chapter -6, 'Social Groups', Pp. 99-116.

3.2.2. MacIver, Robert M, and Charles Hunt Page. 1957. *Society*, New York: Macmillan & Co. Ltd. Chapter 10, 'Types of Social Groups', Pp.213-237.

3.3 Culture: Meaning, elements and the concept of cultural lag

3.3.1 Chattopadhyay, Kaushik, 2021, *The Sociology of Culture*. New Delhi: Rubric Publishing. Pp. 7-27.

3.3.2 Ogburn, William Fielding, 1922. *Social Change with Respect to Culture and Original Nature*. New York: B. W. Huebsch, Inc. Part- IV, 'Social Maladjustment', Pp. 199-280.

3.4 Social Process: Meaning and its types

3.4.1 Rawat, H. K. 2007, *Sociology: Basic Concepts*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Chapter -13, 'Processes of Social Interaction', Pp. 227-266.

3.4.2 Cooley, Charles Horton, 1918, *Social Process*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Chapter- 18, 'Process, Biological and Social', Pp. 197-208.

B.A. SEMESTER-I

Minor Course

Title of the Course: Introductory Sociology-I

Course Code: SOC-MI-T-I

Contact Periods per week: 4L + 1Tutorial Per Course

Credits: 4

Marks: 40 + 10 (For internal Assessment) = 50

Course Objective:

The course introduces the students to the basic sociological knowledge. The mandate of the course is to introduce the discipline to minor students and it is intended to introduce the students to a sociological way of thinking.

Outline:

1. Introducing Sociology

(2 credits)

- 1.1 Sociology and its Emergence
- 1.2 Scope and Subject-matter of Sociology

2. Practicing Sociology

(2 credits)

- 2.1 Practicing Sociologist
- 2.2 Introduction to Research Methodology (Meaning of social research, its types and steps)

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Introducing Sociology

1.1 Sociology and its Emergence

- 1.1.1 Ritzer, George, 1996, *Classical Sociological Theory*, 2nd ed. New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 1, A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory: The Early Years, Pp. 1-39.
- 1.1.2 Rawat, H. K. 2007, *Sociology: Basic Concepts*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Pp. 1-30.

1.2 Scope and Subject-matter of Sociology

- 1.2.1 Inkeles, Alex, 1964. *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India Ltd. Pp. 1-17.
- 1.2.2 Ritzer, George, 1980, *Sociology: A Multiple Paradigm Science*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon Inc. Pp. 1-34.
- 1.2.3 Gisbert, Pascal, 2010, *Fundamentals of Sociology*, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan. Chapter-I, Pp. 1-30.

2. Practicing Sociology

2.1 Practicing Sociologist

- 2.1.1 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.

2.2 Introduction to Research Methodology (Meaning of social research, its types and steps)

2.2.1 Ahuja, Ram, 2001, *Research Methods*, New Delhi, Rawat Publication. Chapter-I, Pp.15-51.

2.2.2 Kothari, C.R, 2004, *Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques*, New Delhi: New Age International (P) Limited. Chapter-I, Pp. 1-23.

B.A. SEMESTER-I

Multidisciplinary Course

Title of the Course: Fundamentals of Sociology-I

Course Code: SOC-MLT-T-I

Contact Periods per week: 3L + 1 Tutorial Per Course

Credits: 3

Marks: 35 + 10 (For internal Assessment) = 45

Course Objectives:

The course introduces two basic objectives to the students. Firstly, it helps to acquaint the students with sociology as a social science and the distinctiveness of its approach among other social sciences. Secondly, it provides knowledge to the students in such a way that even if the student is without any previous exposure to sociology then he/she could acquire an interest in the subject and follow it.

Outline:

1. Sociological Orientation-I

(3 Credits)

- 1.1 Basic Orientation to Sociology
 - 1.1.1 Meaning and Concepts
 - 1.1.2 Relations of Sociology with other Social Sciences
- 1.2 Scientific Nature of Sociology.
- 1.3 Scope and Subject-Matter of Sociology
- 1.4 Applied View of Sociology: Research Methods (Survey Research)

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Sociological Orientation-I

- 1.1 Gisbert, Pascal, 2010, *Fundamentals of Sociology*, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan. Chapter-I, Pp. 1-30.
- 1.2 Rawat, H. K. 2007, *Sociology: Basic Concepts*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Pp. 1-30.
- 1.3 Inkeles, Alex, 1964, *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India Ltd. Pp. 1-17.
- 1.4 Ward, Lester Frank, 1906, *Applied Sociology: A Treatise on the Conscious Improvement of Society by Society*, Boston: Ginn and Company. Pp. 3-10.
- 1.5 Ahuja, Ram, 2001, *Research Methods*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications. 'Survey Research' Pp.46-47, 137-139, 266-267.
- 1.6 Kothari, C.R, 2004, *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Delhi: New Age International (P) Limited. Chapter-I (Pp. 1-23), and also 120-121.

B.A. SEMESTER-I

Skill Enhancement Course

Title of the Course: Practicing Sociology-I

Course Category: Skill Enhancement Course

Course Code: SOC-SEC-P-I

Contact Periods per week: 3L + 1Tutorial Per Course

Credits: 3

Marks: 35 + 10 (For internal Assessment) = 45

Course Objectives:

The course provides the opportunity and knowledge for a student of 'sociology major' to develop and strengthen the necessary skills to gain, maintain, and advance in the field of Sociology. This course caters towards the holistic development of students' capability to become a practicing sociologist. It provides a way to observe the world and to think about and make sense of it. It is also a way to be in the world and of the world, to play a meaningful role in the life of our species as it shapes and reshapes itself into the mystery of what's going on and what it's got to do with us.

Outline:

1. Active Participation and Preparation

(3 Credits)

- 1.1 Identification of a Social Problem
- 1.2 Preparation and Presentation in class about that problem
- 1.3 Evaluation of Work by other Students and Teachers.

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Active Participation and Preparation

- 1.1 Robert King Merton and Robert Nisbet (eds.), (1976). *Contemporary Social Problems*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. Introduction, Pp. 3-40.
- 1.2 Ahuja, Ram, 1992. *Social Problems in India*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Chapter-1, Pp. 1-27.
- 1.3 Rajendra K. Sharma, (1998). *Social Problems and Welfare*. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers & Distributors. Pp. 1-5.

B. A. SEMESTER-II

Major Course

Title of the Course: Introduction to Sociology-II

Course Code: SOC-M-T-2

Contact Periods per week: 6L + 1Tutorial Per Course

Credits: 06

Marks: 60 + 15 (For internal Assessment) = 75

Course Objectives:

The Course aims to provide a general introduction to sociological thoughts and theories. The focus is on studying from the original texts to give the students a flavour of how over a period of time thinkers have conceptualized various aspects of society by constructing different theories. This course also provides a foundation for thinkers in the field of Sociology.

- 1. Plurality of Sociological Perspective and Theory Building (1 Credit)**
 - 1.1 Plurality of sociological perspective
 - 1.2 Meaning and Characteristics of Sociological theory
 - 1.3 The Basic Building Blocks of Theory

- 2. Functionalism (1 Credit)**
 - 2.1 Emile Durkheim
 - 2.2 Alfred Reginald Radcliffe-Brown

- 3. Interpretive Sociology (0.5 Credit)**
 - 3.1 Max Weber

- 4. Conflict Perspectives (1 Credit)**
 - 4.1 Karl Marx
 - 4.2 Ralf Dahrendorf

- 5. Exchange Perspective (1 Credit)**
 - 5.1 George Caspar Homans
 - 5.2 Peter Blau

- 6. Symbolic Interactionism (0.5 Credit)**
 - 6.1 George Herbert Mead

- 7. Structuralism (0.5 Credit)**
 - 7.1 Edmund Leach

- 8. Feminist Perspective (0.5 Credit)**
 - 8.1 Liberal Feminism

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. On the Plurality of Sociological Perspective and Theory Building

1.1 Plurality of sociological perspective

1.1.1 Bottomore, T.B. 1971, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, London: Allen and Unwin, Chapter 2, Pp. 29-47.

1.1.2 Gouldner, Alvin, 1977, 'Sociology's Basic Assumptions' in Thompson, Kenneth and Jeremy Tunstall, *Sociological Perspectives*, New York: Penguin Books Ltd, Pp.13-17.

1.2 Meaning and Characteristics of Sociological theory

1.2.1 Abraham, M. Francis, 1982, *Modern Sociological Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Pp. 1-19.

1.3 The Basic Building Blocks of Theory

1.3.1 Turner. Jonathan H. 2001, *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications. Pp. 1-33.

2. Functionalism

2.1 Emile Durkheim

2.1.1 Durkheim, Emile, 1984, *The Division of Labour in Society*, London: The Macmillan Press, (Edited and translated by W. D. Halls, Lewis Coser). Pp. 149-174.

2.2 Alfred Reginald Radcliffe-Brown

2.2.1 Radcliffe-Brown, A.R., 1976, *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*, London: Free Press Chapter-IX & X, Pp. 178-204.

3. Interpretive Sociology

3.1 Max Weber

Weber, Max, 1978, *Economy & Society: An outline of Interpretive Sociology*, California: University of California Press, Chapter-1, 'Basic Sociological Terms', Pp. 4-28.

4. Conflict Perspectives

4.1 Karl Marx

4.1.1 Marx, Karl, 1990, *Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy*, London: Penguin Books Limited, Pp. 88-101.

4.2 Ralf Dahrendorf

4.2.1 Dahrendorf, Ralf, 1968, *Essays in the Theory of Society*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, Chapters 4 & 5, Pp. 107-150.

5. Exchange Perspective

5.1 George Caspar Homans

5.1.1 Homans, George Caspar, 1961, *Social Behaviour: Its Elementary Forms*. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc. Pp. 51-82.

5.2 Peter Blau

5.2.1 Blau, Peter M. 1964, *Exchange and Power in Social Life*. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. Chapter- Introduction, Pp. 1-11.

6. Symbolic Interactionism

6.1 George Herbert Mead

Mead, George Herbert, [1934]1962, *Mind, Self, and Society: From the Standpoint of a Social Behaviorist*. Chicago: The Chicago University Press. Pp. 337-389.

7. Structuralism

7.1 Edmund Leach

7.1.1 Leach, Edmund, 1973. "Structuralism in Social Anthropology", in David Robey (ed.), *Structuralism: An Introduction*. 1st Ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Pp. 37-56.

8. Feminist Perspective

8.1 Liberal Feminism

8.1.1 Donovan, Josephine, 2006. *Feminist Theory: The Intellectual Traditions*. New York: The Continuum International Publishing Group Inc. Pp. 17-45.

B.A. SEMESTER-II

Minor Course

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Course Code: SOC-MI-T-2

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Marks: 40 + 10 (For internal Assessment) = 50

Course Objective:

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Outline:

1. Introducing Sociology

(2 credits)

- 1.1 Sociology and its Emergence
- 1.2 Scope and Subject-matter of Sociology

2. Practicing Sociology

(2 credits)

- 2.1 Practice Sociology
- 2.2 Introduction to Research Methodology (Meaning of social research, its types and steps)

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Introducing Sociology

1.1 Sociology and its Emergence

- 1.1.1 Ritzer, George, 1996, *Classical Sociological Theory*, 2nd ed. New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 1, A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory: The Early Years, Pp. 1-39.
- 1.1.2 Rawat, H. K. 2007, *Sociology: Basic Concepts*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Pp. 1-30.

1.2 Scope and Subject-matter of Sociology

- 1.2.1 Inkeles, Alex, 1964. *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India Ltd. Pp. 1-17.
- 1.2.2 Ritzer, George, 1980, *Sociology: A Multiple Paradigm Science*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon Inc. Pp. 1-34.
- 1.2.3 Gisbert, Pascal, 2010, *Fundamentals of Sociology*, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan. Chapter-I, Pp. 1-30.

2. Practicing Sociology

2.1 Practicing Sociology

- 2.1.1 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.

2.2 Introduction to Research Methodology (Meaning of social research, its types and steps)

2.2.1 Ahuja, Ram, 2001, *Research Methods*, New Delhi, Rawat Publication. Chapter-I, Pp.15-51.

2.2.2 Kothari, C.R, 2004, *Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques*, New Delhi: New Age International (P) Limited. Chapter-I, Pp. 1-23.

B. A. SEMESTER-II
MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE

Title of the Course: Fundamentals of Sociology-II

Course Code: SOC-MLT-T-2

Contact Periods per week: 3L + 1 Tutorial Per Course

Credits: 03

Marks: 35 + 10 (For internal Assessment) = 45

Course Objectives:

The course introduces a meticulous development in previous basic objectives. It helps students to understand the basic concepts of sociology with a theoretical knowledge. This course also helps them to apply scientific principles to recognize the social world after realizing the historical roots of sociological thoughts.

Outline:

1. Sociological Orientation-II

1.1 Perspectives in Sociology

(1.5 Credits)

1.1.1 Functional perspectives

1.1.2 Conflict perspectives

1.2 Sociological Thoughts:

(1.5 Credits)

1.2.1 Auguste Comte

1.2.2 Herbert Spencer

1.2.3 Emile Durkheim

1.2.4 Max Weber

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Sociological Orientation-II

1.1 Perspectives in Sociology

1.1.1 Cuff, E. C.; W. W. Sharrock and D. W. Francis, 1979, *Perspectives in Sociology* (1st Edition), London: George Allen & Unwin (Pubshers) Ltd. Chapter-1, 'The Nature of Sociological Perspectives', Pp. 1-21.

1.1.2 Haralambos, Michael and Robin M. Heald, 1985, *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, 2nd Edition. London: Unwin Hyman Limited. Pp. 1-23.

1.1.3 Abraham, M. Francis, 1982, *Modern Sociological Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Pp. 72-113.

1.2 Sociological Thoughts:

1.2.1 Lewis, Coser, 1977, *Master of Sociological thought: Ideas and Historical Context*, New Delhi: Rawat Publications. Pp. 3-42; 89-128; 129-176; and 217-262.

1.2.2 Aron, Raymond, 1982, *Main Currents in Sociological Thoughts*, Vol-1, New York: Penguin Books. Pp. 63-110.

1.2.3 Aron, Raymond, 1982, *Main Currents in Sociological Thoughts*, Vol-2, New York: Penguin Books. Pp. 21-108; and 185-258.

1.2.4 Ritzer, George, 1996, *Classical Sociological Theory*, 2nd ed. New York: McGraw Hill, Pp. 87-148; and Pp. 183-263.

1.2.5 Abraham, Francis, and John Henry Morgan, 1985, *Sociological Thought*. Jaipur: Macmillan India Ltd. Pp. 1-20; 51-71; 99-130; 153-189.

B. A. SEMESTER-II

Skill Enhancement Course

Title of the Course: Practicing Sociology-II Course Code: SOC-SEC-P-T-2

Contact Periods per week: 4L + 1 Tutorial Per Course

Credits:03

Marks: 35 + 10 (For internal Assessment) = 45

Course Objectives:

The course provides the opportunity for a student of 'sociology major' to develop his/her research skills in the field of Sociology. This course caters towards the holistic development of students' capability to become an efficient researcher. It renders a way to become a researcher with empirical mind and an ability to look at things from a systematic perspective.

Outline:

1. Active Participation and Preparation of a Pilot Work

- 1.1 Selecting a Research Problem
- 1.2 Research Design
- 1.3 Defending Research Title with a Pilot Study

COURSE CONTENTS AND ITINERARY

1. Active Participation and Preparation of a Pilot Work

- 1.1 Ahuja, Ram, 2001, *Research Methods*, New Delhi, Rawat Publication. Chapter-5&6, Pp.103-119 and 120-154.
- 1.2 Kothari, C.R, 2004, *Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques*, New Delhi: New Age International (P) Limited. Chapter-2,3 &14. Pp. 24-30; 31-54; and 344-360.
- 1.3 Young, Pauline V. 1966, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, Inc. Pp. 3-33.