

**SEMSETR-II**

**SOC. 601:**

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (General)**

**3(3-0)**

**Course Objectives**

The course is designed to introduce the students with sociological concepts and the discipline. The focus of the course shall be on significant concepts like social systems and structures, socio-economic changes and social processes. The course will provide due foundation for further studies in the field of sociology.

**Learning Outcomes**

On completion of this course, students will be able to comprehend the basic concepts of sociology, social groups, culture, the process of socialization, and personality development. Moreover, they will be able to understand the factors of deviant behavior in the society.

**Course Outline**

**1. Introduction**

- Definition, Scope, and Subject Matter
- Sociology as a Science
- Historical back ground of Sociology
- Relationship of sociology with other social sciences

**2. Basic Concepts**

- Group, Community, Society
- Associations
  - Non-Voluntary
  - Voluntary
- Organization
  - Informal
  - Formal
- Social Interaction
  - Levels of Social Interaction
  - Process of Social Interaction
    - a. Cooperation
    - b. Competition
    - c. Conflict
    - d. Accommodation
    - e. Acculturation and diffusion
    - f. Assimilation
    - g. Amalgamation

**3. Social Groups**

- Definition and Functions
- Types of social groups
  - In and out groups
  - Primary and Secondary group
  - Reference groups
  - Informal and Formal groups
  - Pressure groups

**4. Culture**

- Definition, aspects and characteristics of Culture
  - Material and non material culture

- Ideal and real culture
- Elements of culture
  - Beliefs
  - Values
  - Norms and social sanctions
- Organizations of culture
  - Traits
  - Complexes
  - Patterns
  - Ethos
  - Theme
- Other related concepts
  - Cultural Relativism
  - Sub Cultures
  - Ethnocentrism and Xenocentrism
  - Cultural lag
- 5. Socialization and Personality**
  - Personality, Factors in Personality Formation
  - Socialization, Agencies of Socialization
  - Role and Status
- 6. Deviance and Social Control**
  - Deviance and its types
  - Social control and its need
  - Forms of Social control
  - Methods and Agencies of Social control
- 7. Collective Behaviour**
  - Collective behaviour, its types
  - Crowd behaviour
  - Public opinion
  - Propaganda
  - Social movements
  - Leadership

**Recommended Books**

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6. Gidden, Anthony (2002) "Introduction to Sociology", UK: Polity Press.
7. Tischler, Henry L. (2002) "Introduction to Sociology", 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: The Harcourt Press.
8. Anderson, Margaret and Howard F. Taylor. (2001) "Sociology: the Essentials", Australia: Wadsworth.
9. Kerbo, Harold R. (1989) "Sociology: Social Structure and Social Conflict", New York: Macmillan Publishing Company.
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