

BA 5th SEMESTER
GENERIC ELECTIVE FOR NON-SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS (GE)
SOC520G: SOCIOLOGY: BASIC CONCEPTS IN SOCIOLOGY

CREDITS: THEORY: 4, TUTORIAL: 2
MAXIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 60, TUTORIAL: 30
MINIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 24, TUTORIAL: 12

Course Objectives:

The course is designed to introduce and acquaint the learners with the rudiments of sociology besides unravelling its scope and subject matter to them. The course seeks to enable learners to understand the inter-disciplinary nature of the subject viz-a-viz other social sciences.

The course is intended to:

- Familiarize the learners with the fundamental concepts in sociology
- Enable the learners to understand the complex nature and scope of sociology
- Enable the learners to understand and conceptualize the basic social processes.
- Help the students to understand the relevance and inter-disciplinary nature of the subject in relation to the other social sciences.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the students are expected to be well versed with the basic sociological terminology and social processes. The students are supposed to be well equipped so as to relate the theoretical inputs with the actual their day-to-day discourses. Collectively, the course is expected to provide a solid foundation for the beginners to pursue higher studies in Sociology.

Unit 1 Introduction

- a. Nature, Definition and Subject Matter
- b. Emergence and Development of Sociology
- c. Sociology and its relation with other Social Sciences: Anthropology: Psychology: Economics and History

Unit 2: Basic Concepts

- a. Society, Community and Association
- b. Social Groups: Primary, Secondary and Reference
- c. Norms, Values, Status and Role

Unit 3: Social Institutions

- a. Family and Marriage
- b. Kinship
- c. Religion

Unit 4: Social Processes

- a. Social Change
- b. Socialization
- c. Social Control

TUTORIALS: PROJECT WORK/PRESENTATION/DEBATES/TERM PAPER (2 CREDITS)

TUTORIAL I

- a. Sociology: The Science of Society
- b. Community
- c. Social Change

TUTORIAL II:

- a. Sociological Imagination
- b. Informal Social Control
- c. Primary Socialization

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Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.