

Government Degree College, Baramulla

Semester 1st

Major/Minor Course

Subject: Sociology

Title: Introduction to Sociology
Credit: 06 (Theory 04; Tutorial: 02)

Code: BSO22C101
Contact Hours: 64 (Th) + 32(Tu)

Course Description:

This is a core course of 6 Credits (with one credit for each unit and last two units as tutorials). The course is meant to introduce the learners to the discipline of sociology. Besides acquainting them with the evolution of the discipline, it also intends to familiarize the learners with the fundamental concepts and concerns of Sociology.

Objectives:

Broadly the course seeks to:

- *Acquaint the learners with the evolution of the subject;*
- *Develop among the learners fundamental clarity about the subject;*
- *Unravel the fundamental concerns of the discipline.*

Learning Outcomes

After finishing the course, the learners are expected to be well versed with the emergence and domain of the sociology. The learners are also expected to develop a very good understanding of the fundamental concepts and schools of thought in sociology.

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| 1. Introduction | 16 Contact Hours |
| a. Meaning and Subject Matter of Sociology | |
| b. Emergence of Sociology: French Revolution, Industrial Revolution and Enlightenment | |
| c. Sociological Imagination and Common Sense | |
| d. Relationship of Sociology with other Social Sciences: Anthropology, History and Economics | |
| 2. Basic Sociological Perspectives | 16 Contact Hours |
| a. Evolutionism: August Comte, Herbert Spencer | |
| b. Functionalism: Emile Durkheim, R. K. Merton | |
| c. Conflict Perspective: Karl Marx, Ralf Dahrendrof | |
| d. Interactionist Perspective: C. H. Cooley, G.H. Mead | |
| 3. Basic Concepts | 16 Contact Hours |
| a. Society, Community and Association | |
| b. Status and Role | |
| c. Norms and Values; Folkways and Mores | |
| d. Social groups: Primary, Secondary and Reference | |
| 4. Social Processes | 16 Contact Hours |
| a. Concept and Types of Social Processes | |
| b. Socialization: Concept and agencies | |
| c. Social Change: Concept and factors | |
| d. Social Control: Concept and types | |
| Tutorials | |
| 5. Tutorial I - Changing patterns of Socialization | 16 Contact Hours |

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- a. Family and Socialization
- b. Media and Socialization
- c. School and Socialization
- d. Gendered Socialization

6. Tutorial II – Understating Social Change

16 Contact Hours

- a. Education and Social Change
- b. Technology and Social Change
- c. Women and Social Change
- d. Social Change among Marginalized

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