

Approval: 10th Senate Meeting

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| Course Name | :Introduction to Sociology |
| Course Number | :HS 344 |
| Credit | :3-0-0-3 |
| Students intended for | :B.Tech |
| Elective or Compulsory | :Elective |
| Prerequisites | :Teacher's Consent |
| Semester | :Odd/Even |

Course description

This course deals with basic concepts, social institutions and theories of sociology. The primary focus of this course is to provide students with theoretical and empirical context to understand society in which they are part of. It deals with issues of culture, community and social groupings, patterns of social interaction, social stratification, social change, status, power and inequality. In the light of those issues, it looks at how individual and society interact with each other through social institutions.

MODULE – I (8 Hours)

What is Sociology?

Study of Social Life

Understanding Society

Uses of Sociology

MODULE – II (8 Hours)

Basic Concepts in Sociology – Society, Community, Social Structure, Function, Status & Role, Power & Authority, Social Groups – Primary and Secondary, Socialization and Culture

MODULE – III (16 Hours)

Social Institutions – Marriage, Family, Kinship, Political System, Economic System, Religion

MODULE – IV (10 Hours)

Sociological Perspectives – Evolutionist, Functionalist, Conflict

Classical Sociological Thought - Aguste Comte, Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, Max Weber

References

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