

Kumaun University Nainital
Department of Sociology

Syllabus : Under Graduate Semester
Course Details

NOTE:

- *The subject will have two papers of 75 marks each; out of which 55 marks are assigned for end semester examination and 20 marks are assigned for internal assessment in the form of class test, assignments or combination of both. The qualifying marks will be 33% (total of end semester exam and internal assessment).*
- **Each theory paper shall consists of section (A): 20% of total marks (answer in one sentence type questions, multiple choice questions, one word substitution type question, name the author type questions, data based question etc. all parts will be compulsory), section (B): 40% of total marks (short answer) and section (C): 40% of total marks; (long answer).**

B. A. Sociology: Semester I

- Paper I Paper Code SOC-101 Introductory Sociology
Paper II Paper Code SOC-102 Structure of Indian Society

B. A. Sociology: Semester II

- Paper I Paper Code SOC-201 Basic Sociological Concepts (Part II)
Paper II Paper Code SOC-202 Indian Social System

B. A. Sociology: Semester III

- Paper I Paper Code SOC-301 Process of Social Change
Paper II Paper Code SOC-302 Social Survey and Social Research

B. A. Sociology: Semester IV

- Paper I Paper Code SOC-401 Social Change in India
Paper II Paper Code SOC-402 Techniques of Data Collection and Statistical Reasoning in
Sociology

B. A. Sociology: Semester V

- Paper I Paper Code SOC-501 Classical Sociological Thought
Paper II Paper Code SOC-502 Rural Sociology

B. A. Sociology: Semester VI

Paper I Paper Code SOC-601 Indian Sociological Thinkers

Paper II Paper Code SOC-602 Indian Social Problems

B. A. Sociology: Semester I

Paper I – Introductory Sociology

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Objectives:

This introductory paper is intended to acquaint the students with sociology as a social science and the distinctiveness of its approach among the social sciences. It is organized in such a way that even students without any previous exposure to sociology would acquire an interest in the subject.

Unit I Introduction to sociology: Growth and Development, Meaning, Definition, Scope and Subject Matter, Nature of Sociology

Unit II Sociology and other Social Sciences: Relationship of Sociology with Social Antropology, Social Work, History, Political Science and Economics.

Unit III Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Association and Institution: Concept and Features.

Unit IV Social Groups: Meaning, Types and Features. Status and Role: Concept, Types and Relationship

Unit V Socialization: Concept, Agencies and Theories

Essential Readings:

- 1 T. B. Bottomore, 1972 Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature, George Allen and Unwin Bombay
- 2 M. Haralambos, 1998 Sociology: themes and Perspective, Oxford Unviersity Press, New Delhi
- 3 Alex Inkles, 1987 What is Sociology, Printice Hall of India, New Delhi
- 4 N. Jayram, 1988 Introductory Sociology Macmillan India, Madras
- 5 Harry M. Johnson, 1995 Sociology: A systamatic Introudction, Allied
- 6 Kingsley Davis, 1995 Human Society, Surjeet Publications Delhi
- 7 Mac Iver and Page, 1974 Society: An Introductory Analysis, McMillin
- 8 Anthony Giddens, 1989 Sociology, Polity, UK
- 9 Yogendra Singh, 2006 Ideology and theory in Indian Sociology, Rawat Publications
- 10 K. L. Sharma, 2007 Social Stratification and Mobility

B. A. Sociology: Semester I

Paper II – Structure of Indian Society

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Objectives:

The basic objective of this paper is to present a comprehensive and integrated profile of Indian society. This paper aims to analyse traditional features of Indian society.

- Unit I** Features of Indian Society: Unity in Diversity, India as a Pluralistic society
- Unit II** Varna, Ashram and Dharma
- Unit III** Purushartha, Sanskaras and Doctrine of Karma
- Unit IV** Marriage: Marriage among Hindus and Muslims- Meaning, Rituals and Forms
- Unit V** Backward classes: Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes: Characteristics, Problems and Constitutional safeguards

Essential Readings:

- 1 Andre Beteille The Backward Classes and New Social Order
- 2 Irawati Karve, 1961 Hindu Society: An Interpretation
- 3 K. M. Kapadia Marriage and Family in India
- 4 M. S. Gore, 2002 Unity in Diversity, Rawat Publications
- 5 K. L. Sharma, 2007 Indian Social Structure and Change, Rawat Publication
- 6 M. N. Srinivas, 1980 India: Social Structure, New Delhi, Hindustran Publishing Corp.
- 7 N. K. Bose, 1967 Culture and Society in India, Bombay: Asia Publishing House
- 8 P. H. Prabhu Hindu Social Organization
- 9 Patricia Uberai Family, Kinship and Marriage in India
- 10 Ram Ahuja, 1999 Indian Social System, Rawat Publications
- 11 S. C. Dube, 1990 Society in India, New Delhi, National Book Trust

B. A. Sociology: Semester II

Paper I – Basic Sociological Concepts

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Objectives:

This paper is intended to familiarise the students with some basic sociological concepts. Its objective is to help students to give an understanding about society through these concepts.

- Unit I** Social Processes: Associative- Cooperation, Accommodation, Assimilation, Disassociative- Competition, Conflict and Contravention
- Unit II** Culture and Civilization: Meaning, Characteristics, Relationship and Difference between Culture and Civilization
- Unit III** Social Structure and Social System: Definition, Characteristics and Elements, Types of Social System
- Unit IV** Social Stratification and Social Differentiation, Definition, Characteristics and Distinction between Stratification and Differentiation. Bases and Forms of Social Stratification
- Unit V** Social Control: Meaning, Forms and Agencies of Social Control, Theories of Social Control

Essential Readings:

- 1 N. K. Bose, 1967 Culture and Society in India, Asia Publishing House, Bombay
- 2 T. B. Bottomore, 1972 Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature, George Allen and Unwin Bombay
- 3 M. Haralambas, 1998 Sociology: themes and Perspective, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- 4 Alex Inkless, 1987 What is Sociology, Printice Hall of India, New Delhi
- 5 N. Jayram, 1988 Introductory Sociology Macmillan India, Madras
- 6 Harry M. Johnson, 1995 Sociology: A systematic Introduction, Allied
- 7 Kingsley Davis, 1995 Human Society, Surjeet Publications Delhi
- 8 Maciver and Page, 1974 Society: An Introductory Analysis, McMillan
- 9 Anthony Giddens, 1989 Sociology, Polity, UK
- 10 Yogendra Singh, 2006 Ideology and Theory in Indian Sociology, Rawat Publications
- 11 K. L. Sharma, 2007 Social Stratification and Mobility

B. A. Sociology: Semester II

Paper II – Indian Social System

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Objectives:

The continuity between the present and the past is an evident feature of Indian society. The focus of this paper is on the contemporary Indian society. It is hoped that the sociological perspective on Indian society presented in this course will enable students to gain a better understanding about their own society.

- Unit I** Family system in India: Structure, Function and Changing Pattern of Family
- Unit II** Caste system: Meaning, Characteristics and Functions, Theories of Origin of Caste, Changing Pattern of Caste System
- Unit III** Kinship System: Meaning, Types and Categories of Kinship, Kinship Organization in India, Regional Variation
- Unit IV** Jajmani System: Meaning, Structure and Functions, Importance, Changes in Jajmani System
- Unit V** Social Legislations: Constitutional provisions in favour of Dalits, Tribes, other Backward Classes, Women and Children

Essential Readings:

- 1 Andre Beteille The Backward Classes and New Social Order
- 2 Irawati Karve, 1961 Hindu Society: An Interpretation
- 3 K. M. Kapadia Marriage and Family in India
- 4 M. S. Gore, 2002 Unity in Diversity, Rawat Publications
- 5 K. L. Sharma, 2007 Indian Social Structure and Change, Rawat Publication
- 6 M. N. Srinivas, 1980 India: Social Structure, New Delhi, Hindustran Publishing Corp.
- 7 N. K. Bose, 1967 Culture and Society in India, Bombay: Asia Publishing House
- 8 P. H. Prabhu Hindu Social Organization
- 9 Patricia Uberai Family, Kinship and Marriage in India
- 10 Ram Ahuja, 1999 Indian Social System, Rawat Publications
- 11 S. C. Dube, 1990 Society in India, New Delhi, National Book Trust

B. A. Sociology: Semester III

Paper I – Process of Social Change

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Objectives:

This paper is intended to acquaint the students with sociological aspects of change and to develop an understanding of social dynamics and the process of change

- Unit I** Social Change: Concept and Features, Pattern of Social Change- Linear and Cyclical
- Unit II** Factors/theories of Social Change: Demographic, Technological, Economic and Cyclical
- Unit III** Processes of Social Change: Evolution, Progress and Development
- Unit IV** Social Movement: Concept, Characteristics and Types
- Unit V** Social Mobility and Social Change: Concept, Characteristics and Types

Essential Readings:

- 1 B. Kuppaswamy, 1993 Social Change in India, Konark Publishers, New Delhi
- 2 Kingsley Davis, 1995 Human Society, Surjeet Publications Delhi
- 3 Mac Iver & Page, 1974 Society: An Introductory Analysis McMillen
- 4 Yogendra Singh, 2006 Ideology and theory in Indian Sociology, Rawat Publication
- 5 Yogendra Singh, 1986 Modernization of Indian Tradition, Rawat Publication
- 6 Yogendra Singh, 2002 Culture Change in India, Rawat Publication
- 7 Anthony Giddens, 1989 Sociology, Polity, UK
- 8 Harry M. Johnson, 1995 Sociology: A Systematic Introduction, Allied Publishers, New Delhi
- 9 N. Jayram, 1988 Introductory Sociology, Mac Millan India

B. A. Sociology: Semester III

Paper II – Social Survey and Social Research

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Objectives:

This course aims to provide an understanding of the nature of social phenomena, the issues involved in social research and the means of understanding and studying social reality. This paper is intended to acquaint the students with different research methods and techniques as a means of understanding social reality.

- Unit I** Social Survey and Social Research: Concept, Characteristics and Planning of Social survey. Meaning and Definition of Social Research and Major Steps in Scientific Research
- Unit II** Social Phenomena: Characteristics, Nature of Social Phenomena, Problem of Objectivity of Sociological Enquiry
- Unit III** Research Design: Exploratory, Descriptive and Experimental
- Unit IV** Hypothesis: Concept and Characteristics, Sources of Working Hypotheses, Utility of Hypothesis in Social Research
- Unit V** Sampling: Meaning, Characteristics, Merits & Demerits, Main steps in Sampling Procedure, Types of Sampling

Essential Readings:

- 1 N. Jayram, 1989 Sociology: Methods and theory, McMillan, Madras
- 2 C. R. Kothari, 1989 Research methodology: Methods and Techniques wiley Eastern, Bangalore
- 3 P. V. Young, 1988 Scientific Social Survey and Research Printice Hall, New Delhi
- 4 Ram Ahuja, 2006 Research Methods, Rawat Publications
- 5 Wilkinson and Bhandarkar Methods and Techniques of Social Research, Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi
- 6 S. Sarantakos, 2005 Social Research, Palgrave MacMillan
- 7 Goode, & Hatt, 1952 Methods in Social Research, McGraw Hill, New York
- 8 Levin Jack, 1983 Elementry Statistics in Social Research, Harper and Row Publishers, New York
- 9 E. Susanloright, 1986 Social Statistics, McGraw Hill, Paris
- 10 Cohen and Holloday, 1982 Statistics in Social Sciences, Harper and Row Publishers, New York

B. A. Sociology: Semester IV

Paper I – Social Change in India

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Objectives:

This paper is aimed to familiarise the students to the process of social changes which are currently taking place in the Indian society due to the processes of modernization and development etc.

- Unit I** Westernization: Meaning, Characteristics and Consequences, Impact of Westernization on Indian Society and Institutions
- Sanskritization: Concept and Characteristics, Favourable Conditions of Sanskritization, Sanskritization and Social Change
- Unit II** Modernization: Concept and Characteristics; Relationship and Distinction between Tradition and Modernization, Effects of Modernization on Indian Society
- Unit III** Urbanization: Concept and Characteristics, Factors, Role of Urbanization in Social Change
- Unit IV** Industrialization: Meaning and Definition, Industrialization in India: Causes and Need; Effects of Industrialization on Indian Society
- Unit V** Globalization: Concept, Attributes and Consequences; Impact of Globalization on Indian Culture and Society

Essential Readings:

- 1 D. Harrison, 1989 The Sociology of Modernization and Development, SAGE New Delhi
- 2 M. N. Srinivas, 1966 Social Change in Modern India
- 3 Ram Ahuja, 1999 Indian Social System, Rawat Publication Society in India
- 4 B. Kuppaswamy, 1993 Social Change in India, Konark Publishers, Delhi
- 5 Yogendra Singh, 1986 Modernization of Indian Tradition, Rawat Publications
- 6 Yogendra Singh, 2003 Cultural Change in India: Crisis and Resilience, Rawat Publication
- 7 Arjun Appadurai, 1997 Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization, OUP New Delhi
- 8 Yogesh Atal, 2006 Changing Indian Society, Rawat Publication
- 9 D. G. Mandelbaum, 1970 Society in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay
- 10 K. L. Sharma, 2007 Indian Social Structure and Change, Rawat Publication
- 11 N. K. Bose, 1967 Culture and Society in India, Asia Publishers House

B. A. Sociology: Semester IV

Paper II – Techniques of Research and Statistical Reasoning in Sociology MM 55

Objectives:

This course plan aims to provide exposure to the fundamentals of various quantitative methods which are useful in social research. Teaching certain quantitative methods, statistical techniques and methods to collect and analyse the data would help the students to organize and analyze the information gathered by them.

- Unit I** Types and Sources of Data: Primary and Secondary Sources of Data
- Unit II** Techniques of Data Collection: Questionnaire, Schedule, Case Study, Interview and Observation
- Unit III** Data Analysis: Classification and Tabulation of Data: Concept, Characteristics and Types
- Unit IV** Presentation of Data: Diagrammatic- Bar, Diagrams, Graphic- Histogram and Frequency Polygon
- Unit V** Elementary Statistics: Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode, Standard Deviation

Essential Readings:

- 1 N. Jayram, 1989 Sociology: Methods and Theory, McMillan Madras
- 2 C. R. Kothari, 1989 Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, Wiley Eastern, Bangalore
- 3 P. V. Younge, 1988 Scientific Social Survey and Research Prentice Hall, New Delhi
- 4 Ram Ahuja, 2006 Research Methods, Rawat Publications
- 5 Wilkinson and Bhandarkar Methods and Techniques of Social Research, Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi
- 6 S. Sarantakos, 2005 Social Research, Palgrave MacMillan
- 7 Goode, & Hatt, 1952 Methods in Social Research McGraw Hill, New York
- 8 Levin Jack, 1983 Elementary Statistics in Social Research, Harper and Row Publishers, New York
- 9 E. Susanloright, 1986 Social Statistics, McGraw Hill, Paris
- 10 Cohen and Holloday, 1982 Statistics in Social Sciences, Harper and Row Publishers, New York

B. A. Sociology: Semester V

Paper I – Classical Sociological Thought

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Objectives:

This paper is intended to familiarise the students with the social, political, economic and intellectual context in which sociology emerged as a distinctive discipline. Its objective is to help students to gain an understanding of some of the classical contributions in sociology and their continuing relevance to its contemporary concerns.

- Unit I** Development of Sociological Thought: Transition from Social Philosophy to Sociology
- Unit II** Auguste Comte: Hierarchy of Sciences, Positivism
- Unit III** Emile Durkheim: Social Fact, Suicide, Social Solidarity
- Unit IV** Karl Marx: Class conflict, Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism
- Unit V** Max Weber: Social Action, Authority, Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Essential Readings:

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| 1 | Raymond Aron, 1967 | Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Penguin Books |
| 2 | H. E. Barnes, 1959 | Introduction to the History of Sociology the University of Chicago Press |
| 3 | Lewis Coser, 1979 | Masters of Sociological Thought |
| 4 | Ken Morrison, 1955 | Max Weber, Durkheim: Formation of Modern Social Thought, SAGA London |
| 5 | Abraham & Morgan, 1985 | Sociological Thought McMillan India |
| 6 | Irving Zeitlin, 1998 | (Indian Edition) Rethinking Sociology, A Critique of Contemporary Theory, Rawat Publication, Jaipur |
| 7 | L. A. Coser, 1977 | Masters of Sociological Thought, Harcourt Brace, New York |
| 8 | Hughes, Martin, Peter and Sharrock, 1995 | Understanding Classical Sociology- Max Weber and Durkheim, Sage Publications, London |

B. A. Sociology: Semester V

Paper II – Rural Sociology

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Objectives:

Rural Society in India has acquired a new significance after independence. This paper attempts to focus the attention on the need of a Sociological Perspective in studying rural life and outline the approach to the study of rural society. It further attempts to portray the picture of the multi-sided and complex rural life and the emerging trends.

- Unit I** Rural sociology: Meaning, Origin and Development, Scope and Subject Matter. Need for Development of Rural Societies in India
- Unit II** Rural and Urban Community: Concept and Distinctive Features. Rural Habitation and Settlement. Rural Urban Distinction and Continuum
- Unit III** Rural Dynamics: Process of Change in Rural Society- Little Tradition, Great Tradition, Universalization and Parochialization
- Unit IV** Rural Power Structure: Traditional Power Structure in Rural India- Bases, Feature and Changing Pattern. Rural Leadership- Meaning, Feature, Traditional Bases and Changing Patterns
- Unit V** Planned Change in Rural Society: Panchayat Raj System and Democratic Decentralization. Community Development Programmes and Programmes for Rural Reconstruction (with special reference to IRDP, five year plans and MNREGA)

Essential Readings:

- 1 A. R. Desai, 2005 Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.
- 2 A. R. Desai, 2005 Rural India in Transition, Popular Prakashan
- 3 M. N. Srinivas, 1966 India's Villages, Asia Publishing House
- 4 Mckim Morriott, 1968 Village India, University fo Chicango Press
- 5 S.C. Dube, 2003 India's Changing Villages, Routledge
- 6 S. L. Doshi and P. C. Jain, 2002 Rural Sociology, Rawat Publication

B. A. Sociology: Semester VI

Paper I – Indian Sociological Thinkers

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Objectives:

This paper is intended to analyze the various sociological concepts and theories developed by Indian sociological thinkers. The course will also examine the theoretical relevance and analytical utility of the premises, methodology and conclusion of these diverse perspectives in understanding society and change.

- Unit I** Development of Indian sociological thought
Radhakmal Mukherjee: theory of social values and social ecology
- Unit II** D. P. Mukherjee: Dialectics of Tradition and Modernity, Development of art and literature
G. S. Ghurye: Concept of Caste
- Unit III** M. N. Srinivas: Concept of Dominant Caste, Sanskritization and Westernization
- Unit IV** Yogendra Singh: Modernization of Indian tradition, culture change in India
- Unit V** Manu: Varna, Ashram, Dharma, Sanskara; Gandhi: Trusteeship, Sarvodaya, Satya, Ahimsa, Satyagrah

Essential Readings:

- 1 G. S. Gureye, 1957 Caste and Class in India
- 2 M. N. Srinivas, 1998 Social Change in Modern India, Orient longman
- 3 M. N. Srinivas, 1991 India: Social Structure, Hindustan Publishing Corporation
- 4 Yogendra Singh, 1986 Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Trends, Vistaar, New Delhi
- 5 Yogender Singh, 1986 Modernization of Indian Tradition, Rawat Publications
- 6 Yogender Singh, 2000 Culture Change in India, Rawat Publications,
- 7 Manu Manusmriti
- 8 M. K. Gandhi Autobiography
- 9 Yogendra Singh, 1986 Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Trends, Vistar, New Delhi

B. A. Sociology: Semester VI

Paper II – Indian Social Problem

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Objectives:

This course is designed to identify and analyze some emerging social issues and problems which have gained significant importance in recent times. The aim of this paper is to sensitize the students towards these issues and to study various strategies and programmes related to these issues and problems.

- Unit I** Social Problems: Concept, Characteristics and Causes, Theoretical Approaches to Social Problem
- Unit II** Poverty: Concept, Causes and Effects, Incidence and Magnitude; Strategies for Poverty Alleviation
- Unit III** Unemployment: Meaning, Types, Causes and Effect. Efforts and Programmes for Removing Unemployment
Illiteracy: Meaning, Causes and Effects. Extent of Illiteracy in India
- Unit IV** Problem of Weaker Sections: Problems and Disabilities of Scheduled Castes; Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes: Solutions and Suggestion to their Problems
- Unit V** National Integration: Concept and Bases; Challenges for National Integration: Casteism, Communalism, Regionalism and Linguism

Essential Readings:

- 1 Andre Beteille, 1974 Social Inequality, New Delhi, Oxford University Press
- 2 Andre Beteille, 1992 Backward Classes in Contemporary India; New Delhi, Oxford University Press
- 3 Ram Ahuja, 1998 Social Problems, Rawat Publications, Jaipur
- 4 Merton and Nisbet (eds), 1971 Contemporary social problems, Harcourt Brace New York
- 5 Atterchand, 1987 Poverty and Under employment: New challenges, Gyan Publishing House, Delhi
- 6 Howard Becker, 1966 Social Problems: A Modern Approach, John Wiley and sons Inc. New York
- 7 Bipin Chandra, 1984 Communalism in Modern India, Vikas Publication, New Delhi
- 8 Richard Laskin (ed), 1964 Social Problems, Mcgraw Hill Co., New York
- 9 राम अहूजा, 1994 सामाजिक समस्याएँ, रावत पब्लिकेशन्स