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> Syllabus for Distance Education Students (w.e.f. Year – 2014–15)

> > M.A. Part - II

# SOCIOLOGY

# Sociology Syllabus

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# M.A. II

# **Semester III**

## 1. Recent Trends in Sociological Theory (311005)

### Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

1. To introduce the students to the substantive, theoretical and methodological issues which have shaped the sociological thinking in the latter half of the 20th century, and which continue to concern the practitioners of sociology today.

2. To examine the theoretical relevance and analytical utility of the premises, methodology and conclusions of these diverse theoretical perspectives in understanding social structure and change.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Introduction	
	The Frankfurt school: J.Habermas.	
	Contemporary Marxist Theory:	25
	L.Althusser, A.Gramsci.	
	Neofunctionalism: J.Alexander.	
Unit 2	Central Issues in Sociological Theory	
	Agency & Structure integration:	25
	Anthony Giddens, Margaret Archer, Bourdieu.	25
	Macro- Micro debate.	
Unit 3	Post-structuralism & Post- modernism	
	Poststructuralist: M.Foucault.	25
	Postmodern Theory: Jameson, Baudrillard	
Unit 4	Feminist Theory	
	Radical, Libaral, Marxist,	25
	Psychoanalytical, Post-Modern.	

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## 2. Research Methodology (311006)

### Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

1. To provide exposure to the fundamentals of various research techniques and methods.

2. To introduce certain philosophical ideas underlying the emergence of different methodologies in social sciences.

3. To sensitize students to develop a critical outlook at the existing perspectives and methods and to evolve conceptual clarity, which can lead them in their future research.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Positivism & Methods of research	
	The nature of scientific method	
	Concepts	25
	Measurement	25
	Reliability and Validity	
	Hypothesis	
Unit 2	Research design	
	Survey techniques	
	Sampling techniques	25
	Techniques of Data collection	
	Content Analysis	
Unit 3	Participant observation, Ethnography, Field- work.	
	Encounters and experiences in field work.	25
	Subjectivity & Objectivity	25
	Value neutrality in research.	
Unit 4	Report Writing	
	Statistics in Social Research:	
	Measures of central tendency: Mean, median, mode.	
	Measures of Dispersion: Standard/Quartile Deviation	25
	Correlational Analysis: Tests of Significance and	
	Covariance	
	Regression Analysis	

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## **1.** Sociology of Marginalized Communities (311111)

## Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

1. To sensitize students to the significance of the sociological study of Dalits, Tribal communities and Nomadic Castes and Tribes.

2. To understand the groups and communities which have suffered extreme poverty, deprivation and discrimination over a long period of time.

Unit	Course Content	Marks	
Unit 1	Marginalization and its socio-economic indices:		
	Poverty, relative isolation, deprivation,		
	exploitation, discrimination, educational backwardness;	25	
	inequality.	25	
	A critical view of the caste system; untouchability:		
	historical and social roots, dysfunctions.		
Unit 2	The social structure and culture of marginalized		
	communities: the status of SC, ST, Nomadic Castes and	25	
	Tribes and De-notified Tribes; problems; social mobility;	25	
	identity formation		
Unit 3	Perspectives on marginalization:		
	Views of Jotirao Phule,		
	Periyar, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar,	25	
	Ram Manohar Lohiya		
Unit 4	Marginalization and affirmative action:		
	Constitutional provisions; implementation;	25	
	impact on marginalized communities; limitations; critical	23	
	review.		

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# **2.** Criminology (311114)

## Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

1. To acquaint the students with recent advances in criminology; changing profile of crime and criminals, particularly in India.

2. To prepare the students for professional roles of correctional agents in agencies of criminal justice administration, particularly in prisons and correctional institutions.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	The Concept of Crime	
	Definition of Crime	25
	Conceptual Approaches to Crime: Legal, Behavioral and Sociological.	25
	Types of crime, Classification of Criminals.	
Unit 2	Theoretical Perspectives & Sociological Explanations on Crime Causation	
	Perspectives on Crime Causation: Classical, Geographical, Positivist &	
	psychological.	
	Sociological Explanations: Social Disorganization theory,	25
	Multiple Factors theory, Control theory,	
	Differential Association theory, Anomie theory,	
	Differential Opportunity theory & Labeling theory.	
Unit 3	Changing Profile of Crime and Criminals	
	Juvenile Delinquency	
	Organized Crimes	25
	White- Collar Crime	
	Female Criminality	
Unit 4	Correctional Administration	
	Prison Administration: Role of prisons in modern Penology,	
	Problem of overcrowding in prisons, Problem of Under-trial prisoners,	
	Prison Reforms in India.	25
	Alternatives to Imprisonment: Probation, Parole, Open prisons. New Delhi	25
	Model of Correction.	
	Criminal Justice System: Process of Criminal Justice System.	
	<u>Crime Prevention</u> : Distinction between Crime prevention & Treatment.	

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## 3. Sociology of Agrarian Society (311115)

## Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. To familiarize students to the concepts of Agrarian Sociology.
- 2. To make the students aware of contemporary agrarian issues & protests.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	The Concept of Peasant Society	
	Features of Agrarian, Tribal & Peasant society.	25
	Approaches to study of Peasant society.	25
	Women in Agriculture, Agricultural Labour.	
Unit 2	Growth of Agrarian Structure in India	
	Colonial and Post- colonial era.	25
	Caste and Class relations in Agrarian society.	25
	Land Reforms in India.	
Unit 3	Development Programme	
	Community Development Programmes.	
	Green Revolution	
	IRDP, NREP, EGS,	25
	Poverty Alleviation programme.	
	Globalization and Agriculture.	
	Farmers' Displacement.	
Unit 4	Agrarian Movements in India	
	Peasant Movement	25
	Agricultural Labour Movement	23
	Farmers Movement, Women's Struggle.	

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# **Semester IV**

## 1. Gender and Society (411007)

## Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

1. To familiarize students with the basic concepts developed in gender studies.

2. To understand the linkages between state policies & gender issues in Indian Society.

3. To trace the evolution of gender as a category of social analysis in the late twentieth century.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Basic Concepts in Gender Studies & Theories	
	Gender vs. Biology	
	Women in the family: Socialization,	25
	Nature vs. Gender, Gender Roles, Private–Public	25
	dichotomy, Sexual division of labour.	
	Patriarchy as ideology and practice.	
Unit 2	Gender & Sociological Analysis	
	Feminism, Feminist Methodologies as Critique,	25
	Theorising women & subordination.	25
	Emergence of women's studies	
Unit 3	Women in India: The changing profile	
	Pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial.	
	Demographic profile.	
	Alternative conceptions of gender-	25
	caste and gender; class and gender.	
	The role of the state and the NGOs.	
	Gender and Society in India	
Unit 4	Contemporary Trends in Sociology	
	Issues affecting the quality of life of women:	25
	Ecology, Development, Health, Communalism & Violence.	

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# 2. Sociology of Tourism (411116)

# Marks: 100 (4 credits)

# **Objectives:**

- 1.
- To understand Tourism from a sociological perspectives. To explore the changing Tourism practices and its significance. 2.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Introduction:	
	Emergence and history of tourism	25
	Sociology of tourism – Modern Tourism	25
	The psychology of tourism; need and motivation.	
Unit 2	Tourism and development :	
	Development of tourism in India.	
	Tourism and economy.	25
	Relation between tourism and development.	25
	Communities and occupation.	
	The Role of India tourism development corporation.	
Unit 3	Changing Trends in Tourism.	
	Tourism and pilgrimage.	
	Tourism and Pseudo events.	25
	Eco Tourism, Medical Tourism, Cultural Tourism.	
Unit 4	Impact of Tourism	
	Changing life style.	25
	Impact on cultural identity.	23
	Impact on Environment.	

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## **3.** Rural Society in India (411117)

# Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives**

- 1. To understand rural social structure and change and development in rural India.
- 2. To realize the issues related to contemporary rural economy.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Rural social structure:	
	Basic characteristics of peasant and agrarian society:	25
	Family, Caste, religion, habitat and settlement.	
Unit 2	Issues related to rural economy:	
	Debates on mode of production and Agrarian relation.	25
	Tenancy lands and labour Agrarian legislations.	25
	Rural poverty, migration and landless labour, Rural artisans	
Unit 3	Rural Society change and development.	
	Panchayat raj, Local self govt.	25
	Community development programs, Rural development strategies.	
Unit 4	Globalisation and rural society-	
	Globalisation and impact on agriculture	25
	Agrarian Reforms, Water and agriculture, Irrigation management practices.	

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## 4. Sociology of Information Society(411118)

# Marks: 100 (4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

1. To understand the role of technology in shaping social structure and institutions, Social life and relationship.

2. To know the interface between revolution of information and communication technology and society.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Technology society and historical change.	25
	– Capitalism Industrialism and Informationalism.	25
Unit 2	IT revolution Enterprise:	
	The culture, institutions and Organisations of the Informational	
	economy.	25
	Transition from industrialism to informationalism – i.e.	25
	(From mass production to flexible production)	
	(From Fordism to post Fordism)	
Unit 3	The transformation of work and employment:	
	Networkers, jobless and flexi timers.	
	Service economy and the information society	
	The new occupational structures.	25
	Informational Technology and the restructuring of capital.	
	Labor relationships, Social dualism or fragmented societies	
Unit 4	Computer mediated communication:	
	Social networkers and virtual communities.	25
	Rise of media culture and institutional control.	20
	ICT and Industry, education, Public health and governance.	

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## 5. Industry and Society in India (411119)

# Marks: 100(4 credits)

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. To understand the nature of work and work culture of industrial society.
- 2. To know the contemporary realities in the context of globalization.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	Nature of work, Work culture, Work ethics.	25
	Division of labour, production relations.	25
Unit 2	Organization : Structure and Function.	
	Concept of Organization (Formal – Informal)	25
	Structure and function of organization.	25
	Organizational skills.	
Unit 3	Industrialization and contemporary realities.	
	Impact of globalization on family,	
	Stratification and environment.	
	Impact of globalization on labour:	25
	Feminization of labour, casualization /	
	Contract utilization of labour.	
	Rise of service sector.	
Unit 4	Industrial Relations –	
	Industrial relations – Industrial conflict – causes.	25
	Resolution of conflict.	25
	Trade unions and their role in industrial organization.	

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