

Course Code	SOC201			
Course Name	Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology			
Credits	4			
Course Offered to	UG			
Course Description	This course will introduce learners to the basic nature of society and its impact on an individual through the lens of Sociology and Anthropology. It will focus on some foundational sociological/anthropological concepts such as social structure, environment, social organization, social institutions, social role, social relations, social change and social problems. All these key terms would be examined with reference to modern social theories and methods, which barely 200 years ago, helped shape sociology and anthropology as unique human disciplines. Historically, both these disciplines were distinct from the earlier disciplines of economics, philosophy and psychology because they directly confronted data from social life and collective social processes in the 'field', in order to critically analyze, and discover patterns and meanings in them. The enormous diversity of people around the globe could thus be organized conceptually and theoretically through statistical surveys, questionnaires and interviews, not only to make sense of the basic oneness of humanity but also to shape policies and programmes to help improve the fast deteriorating social conditions under modern urban and industrialised ways of life. The irreducible subject matter and unit of study for sociology and anthropology therefore was neither the abstract atomized individual nor the crowd but the empirical relationship between the individual and his/her social context which had to be unearthed and examined afresh by the scholar without getting misled by more obvious, subjective explanations. Students of the course will be led through a variety of experiences of observable social phenomena such as caste, class, gender, race, sexuality, religion, globalization, poverty, crime, work and many such others, in order to arrive at the basic scientific principles of society.			
Pre-requisites				
Pre-requisite (Mandatory)	Pre-requisite (Desirable)	Pre-requisite(other)		
SSH101 Critical Thinking and Readings in Social Sciences	N/A	N/A		
Post Conditions				
CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	CO5
Build knowledge of human society and cultures (intercultural knowledge and competence)	Identify, evaluate and debate key social issues and themes through sociological/anthropological perspectives	Critically examine theoretical perspectives about society and its various dimensions and be able to apply them to current issues	Critically evaluate how their own ideas about class, caste, gender, sexuality, race etc. are socially constructed and transformed	Conduct basic empirical studies of a social issue through sociological/anthropological research methods
Weekly Lecture Plan				
Week Number	Lecture Topic	COs Met	Assignment/Labs/Tutorial	
1	Sociology and Anthropology: An Introduction	CO1, CO2		
2	An Overview of Classical and Contemporary Social Theories	CO1, CO2		
3	An introduction to Social Research Methods	CO1, CO2, CO5		
4	Ecology and Environment	CO1, CO2, CO3		
5	Social Institutions and Organizations	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
6	Social Structure	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
7	Law, Religion and Morality	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
8	Communication, Social Relationships, and Exchange	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
9	Social Change	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
10	Social Problems	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
11	Revision of Concepts	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4		
12	Group Presentation	CO5		
13	Exam and Wrap-up Session			
Assessment Plan				
Type of Evaluation	% Contribution in Grade			
Class Quiz and Assignments	20			
Mid Term Exam	20			
Group Presentation	20			
Final exam	30			
Class Participation and Attendance	10			
Resource Material				
Type	Title			
Textbook	N/A			
Reference book	Giddens, A., & Sutton, P. (2009). Sociology. 7th. Cambridge: Polity.			
	Readings will also be assigned by the faculty from different sources.			