

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
Syllabus of Semester – I of the following departments under Faculty of Arts
based on Under Graduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented
from the Academic 2024-25

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Course	Title	Content	Hours/week	Credit
DSC Major Paper-1 (Theory)	Fundamentals of Sociology	U-1: Introduction to Sociology U-2: Basic Concepts-I U-3: Basic Concepts-II U-4: Culture, Sociological Processes	4hrs	4

DSC (Major Paper-1) Fundamentals of Sociology

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course (Total Credit-04)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Practical	Experiential Learning		
Fundamentals of Sociology	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic knowledge of Sociology

Course Objectives:

CO-1	Introduce the discipline of Sociology to students who may come from diverse academic backgrounds, training and capabilities.
CO-2	Introduce the students to the emergence of Sociology as a systematic and scientific field of study.
CO-3	Introduce the students to a sociological way of thinking and to apply sociological concepts to everyday life.
CO-4	Develop reflexive thinking skills for both self and society.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will apply the sociological perspective in understanding how society shapes our individual lives. This provides a foundation for the other more detailed and specialized courses in sociology.

Unit:1 Background to Sociology (15L)

- Origin and Emergence of Sociology discipline, Definition,
- Nature and Scope of Sociology and its relationship with other Sciences: History; Psychology, Political Science, Economics and Social Anthropology

Unit:2 Basic Concepts -I (15L)

- Types of societies: The Earliest Societies: Hunters and gatherers; Pastoral, Agrarian societies; and Industrial societies.
- Society, Community, Association, Institution, Group, Status and Role.
- Social Structure - Social System - Social Organization - Social Norms, Values and Customs.

Unit:3 Basic Concepts -II (15L)

- Social Group: Its typologies - Primary, Secondary, In and Out Groups, Vertical and Horizontal, Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft, Peer Group and Reference group.
- Social Institutions: Marriage, Family, Kinship, Religion and Political Systems.
- Social Control: Formal and Informal Agencies.

Unit:4 Culture, Sociological Processes (15L)

- Culture: Definition - Elements of Culture, Cultural Relativity; Cultural Lag, Acculturation.
- Socio-cultural Process: Associative and Dissociative Processes – Socialization: Definition, Stages, Types, Agencies of Socialization

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Teaching Methodology: Apart from the conventional blackboard teaching, other modes of teaching that will be adopted are power points, group discussions, quizzes, class tests, problem-solving, and assignments.

Mode of Evaluation:

Assessment	Marks
Internal	
Attendance	05
Assignments	10
CIA I and II	35
Total	50
External	
End Sem Exam	50

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Course	Title	Content	Hours/week	Credit
DSC Major Paper-2 (Theory)	Understanding Indian Society	U-1: Social Stratification U-2: Tribes in India U-3: Rural and Urban India U-4: Family in India	4hrs	4

DSC (Major Paper-2) Understanding Indian Society

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course (Total Credit-04)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Practical	Experiential Learning		
Understanding Indian Society	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic knowledge of Sociology

Course Objectives:

CO-1	Explain the modes of knowledge-construction of Indian history, society, Culture and politics.
CO-2	Examine how multiple social processes, forces and ideologies shaped the terrain of the nation.
CO-3	Explain the elements of Indian Sociology.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to understand the modes of knowledge-construction of Indian history, society, Culture and politics.
2. Students will be able to examine how multiple social processes, forces and ideologies shaped the terrain of the nation.
3. Students will be able to learn the elements of Indian Sociology.

Unit:1 Social Stratification (15L)

- Caste; its origins and features, Occupational and racial theory of caste, Caste and Social Problems; Castes in Gujarat. Recent changes in Caste, Difference between caste and class
- Social Classes in India: Agrarian-Rural, Industrial- Urban, The Middle Class, Exclusion and Inclusion, Backward Classes Dalit and Women, Recent changes in Class

Unit:2 Tribes in India (15L)

- Concept, Features, Anthropological, Constitutional and Administrative perspective to Tribes, Geographical Distribution, Problem of Assimilation, Integration and Assertion, Government and Tribal Welfare, Recent changes in Tribes

Unit:3 Rural and Urban India (15L)

- Idea of Village, Characteristics and Changes in Village, Rural- Urban relationship

Unit:4 Family in India (15L)

- Marriage, Objective and Types; Family: Meaning, Functions and Types, Nuclear and Joint Family, Recent changes in marriage and family.

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