

**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
Minor Paper-1 (Theory)	Introduction to Sociology	U-1: Introduction to Sociology U-2: Basic Concepts-I U-3: Basic Concepts-II U-4: Culture, Sociological Processes	4hrs	4

**(Minor-1) Introduction to 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		
Introduction to 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 be able to 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:**

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