

# 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 Year 2024-25

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

#### **BA. (Hons) Sociology**

| Course      | Title                     | Content                                                                                                                | Hours/Weeks | Credit |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| SOHMN-111-C | Introduction to Sociology | U-1: Background to Sociology<br>U-2 Basic Concepts-I<br>U-3: Basic Concepts-II<br>U-4: Culture, Sociological Processes | 4 HRS       | 4      |

#### **Minor Course – 1: Introduction to Sociology**

#### **CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE**

| Course Title & Code                     | Credit Distribution of The Course |          |                      | Eligibility Criteria                         | Pre-requisite(s) of the Course (if any) |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                         | Lecture                           | Tutorial | Practical / Practice |                                              |                                         |
| Introduction to Sociology (SOHMN-111-C) | 4                                 | 0        | 0                    | 10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream | Basic Knowledge of Sociology            |

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES (LO)**

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

#### **Course OUTCOMES (CO)**

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| On Completion of this course, the student will be able to |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| CO-1                                                      | 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 (15 L)**

- 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 (15 L)**

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

**Unit-3: Basic Concepts -II (15 L)**

- 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 (15 L)**

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

**Suggestive Reading:**

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