

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

Syllabus of Semester – II 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
SOH-MC-221-C	Social Institutions	U1-Introduction to Social Institutions U-2. Education U-3. Economy U-4. Media	4 Hrs	4

MAJOR COURSE-1: SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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		
Social Institutions SOH-MC-221-C	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic Knowledge of Sociology

LEARNING OBJECTIVES (LO)

LO-1	Introduce the concept and importance of social institutions.
LO-2	Understand the role of education, economy, and media in shaping society.
LO-3	Analyze institutions using basic sociological perspectives.

Course OUTCOMES (CO)

On Completion of this course, the student will be able to

CO-1	Students will be able to explain the meaning, features, and functions of key social institutions.
CO-2	Students will be able to analyze how education, economy, and media influence social structure and change.
CO-3	Students will be able to apply sociological concepts to understand issues like inequality, globalization, and identity.

UNIT–I: Introduction to Social Institutions (15 L)

- Basic theoretical perspectives: Functionalist and Conflict views
- Meaning, nature, and features of social institutions; Importance of social institutions in society

Unit II: Education (15 L)

- Education: meaning and functions; Role of education in socialization and cultural transmission
- Education and social mobility; Issues of inequality in education

Unit III: Economy (15 L)

- Economy and society: production, distribution, and consumption
- Types of economic systems: capitalist, socialist, and mixed economy;
- Informal economy in India: Economy and social change; modernization, globalization

Unit IV: Media (15 L)

- Media: meaning and types: print, electronic, digital, social media; Role of media in socialization and public opinion formation
- Media, culture, and identity, Media and social change in India

Suggestive Readings:

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COURSE	TITLE	CONTENT	HOURS/WEEKS	CREDIT
SOH-MC-222-C	Sociological Thinkers-I	U-1: Auguste Comte U-2: Karl Marx U-3: Max Weber U-4: Emile Durkheim	4 Hrs	4

Major Course – 2: Sociological Thinkers-I

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

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	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Sociological Thinkers-I (SOH-MC-222-C)	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic Knowledge of Sociology

LEARNING OBJECTIVES (LO)

LO-1	Enable students to apply theory to their own everyday life experiences.
LO-2	Develop students' sociological imagination and the capacity to read each situation sociologically and then to think about it theoretically.
LO-3	Demonstrate the applicability of theory to students.

Course OUTCOMES (CO)

On Completion of this course, the student will be able to

CO-1	Understand the grand foundational themes of sociology.
CO-2	Apply theories and concepts from classical sociological theories to develop intellectual openness and curiosity.
CO-3	Appreciate the classical concepts and theories to develop awareness of the limits of current knowledge.

Unit 1. Auguste Comte: (15L)

- Beginning of Sociology, Positivism, Law of Three Stages, Hierarchy of Sciences, Social Statics and Social Dynamics

Unit 2. Karl Marx: (15L)

- Dialectics and Historical Materialism, Mode of Production, Alienation, Class and Class Struggle, Theory of Social Change, Surplus Value

Unit 3. Max Weber: (15L)

- Social Action, Ideal Types, Causality, Authority, Bureaucracy, Religion and Economy, Protestant Ethics and the Spirit of Capitalism, Class, Status and Power

Unit 4. Emile Durkheim: (15L)

- Social Fact, Individual and Society, Nature of Solidarity, Division of labour, Suicide, Religion and Society

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