

**School of Law, HILSR**

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**Course Syllabus**

**Course Overview:**

**Course Title: Sociology – I**

**Course Code: BALLB - 305**

**Semester: Third**

**Credits: 4**

**Medium of Instruction/Assessment: English**

**Objectives of the course:**

This course aims to acquaint students with a general overview of Sociology and its relationship with other social sciences. It informs students about some of the fundamental concepts propounded by forefathers of Sociology, namely Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber. The course goes on to familiarize students with sociological imagination on several issues in context of South Asia. An interactive module has been designed, specifically for law students, to bring out the discussion on Social Control. The course includes ample use of audio-visual material such as documentaries and ethnographic films to enhance the students' capacity to look at a given social issue from multiple standpoints.

**Assessment and Evaluation:**

The course has a weightage of 100 marks. 75 % of the marks will be covered by the End Semester Examination; while as 25 % will constitute internal assessment to be done by the concerned instructor.

**(A) End Semester Examination:** There will be ten questions in the Question paper with two from each unit. Students will have to answer five questions in all selecting one from each unit.

**(B) Internal Assessment:** A student will be assessed and evaluated by the concerned teacher during the entire semester at regular intervals. This will be done by employing a wide range of methods including written tests, tutorials, term paper writing, presentations etc. Attendance of the students will also form a part of the internal assessment.

## **Course Outline:**

The course is based on four units.

### **Unit I: Sociology: An Introduction**

The emergence of Sociology- transition from social philosophy to sociology

Definition, Nature and scope of sociology, Relation with other branches of social sciences

### **Unit II: Theoretical perspective of Sociology**

Emile Durkheim's theory of Social Fact

Max Weber's theory of Social Actions

Marx's theory of social change

### **Unit III: Sociological Concepts**

Society and other basic concepts (Community, Association, Institution Organization, Group, Nation, State, Judiciary)

Types of society

Culture and Civilization

Sociology of Agency

### **Unit IV: Social institution and Social Control**

The Question of Caste

Tribes in India

Family, Marriage and Kinship

Understanding Social Change

Social Control- Meaning, Formal and Informal mechanisms of social control (Interactive Module)

### ***Themes***

Ridicule

Jokes

Scolding

Violence

Out casting – Capital Punishment

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Allan G. Johnson: *The Forest and the Trees: Sociology as Life Practice and Promise*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
2. Andre Béteille: *Social Inequality: Selected Readings*, Penguin Books.
3. Andre Beteille: *Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method*. Oxford University Press.
4. B R Ambdedkar: *The Annihilation of Caste*. Navayana: New Delhi.
5. Charles W. Mills: *The Sociological Imagination*. Oxford University Press.
6. Clifford Geertz: *The Interpretation of Cultures: Selected Essays*. Basic Books.
7. Emile Durkheim: *Rules of the Sociological Method*. Simon and Schuster.
8. Emile Durkheim: *Suicide: A Study in Sociology*. Routledge.
9. George Ritzer: *Classical Sociological Theory*. New York: McGraw Hill.
10. Harold Garfinkel: *Studies in Ethnomethodology*. Prentice Hall.
11. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels: *The Communist Manifesto*. Fingerprint Publishing.
12. Kurt Heinrich Wolff: *The Sociology of Georg Simmel*. Andesite Press.
13. M N Srinivas: *Social Change in Modern India*. Oxford University Press: New Delhi.
14. M. Haralambos: *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
15. Max Weber: *Economy and society: An outline of interpretive sociology* (Vol. 1). University of California Press.
16. Patricia Uberoi: *Family, Kinship and Marriage*. Delhi: Oxford University Press
17. Phillip Mason, *India and Ceylon: Unity and Diversity*. New York: Oxford University Press
18. Robert MacIver & Charles H. Page: *Society: An Introduction*, Macmillan, India.

### **Additional Readings**

1. Andre Beteille: *Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in a Tanjore Village*, University of California Press, Berkeley.
2. Anthony Giddens: *Sociology*, Polity Press, Cambridge.
3. Dipankar Gupta: *Social Stratification*. Oxford University Press, Delhi.

4. M. N. Srinivas: *The Dominant Caste and other Essays*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
5. Satish Deshpande: *Contemporary India: A Sociological View*, Viking Publishers New Delhi.
6. T. B. Bottomore: *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, S. Chand, New Delhi.