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Department of Sociology **UG NEP Syllabus**

Semester – V

Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-8)
Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION **Paper Code – SOCDSC508T**

Course Objective:

This course introduces students to sociological study of social inequalities. It assists them to grasp the diverse nature and forms of stratification in various societies. It acquaints students with principal theoretical perspectives on stratification and diverse forms of social inequality in interaction with each other.

Course Outline:

1. Introducing Social Stratification: Forms and Consequences (5 hrs.)

2. Social Mobility: Concept and Types (5 hrs.)

2. Theories of Stratification (20 hrs.)

2.1. Marx: Class

2.2. Functionalism: Kingsley Davis and Wilbert E. Moore, Tumin's Critique

2.3. Max Weber: Class, Status and Power



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3. Identities and Inequalities (15hrs.)

3.1. Caste and Ethnicity

4. Feminism and Gendered Stratification (15 hrs.)

4.1 Gender and Caste

4.2 Gender and Disability

Reading References

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Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-9)

Semester – V

Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Paper Code – SOCDSC509T

Course Objective:

The course lays primacy to the understanding of religious over individual religions. Drawing heavily from classical sociological writings on the subject it tries to understand the linkage between the social and the religious, more precisely, religion as a fundamental social institution.

Course Outline:

1. Approaches to the Study of Religion (35 hrs.)

1.1 Formulating Religion

1.2 Emile Durkheim: Society as Sacred

1.3 Karl Marx: Religion as Alienation

1.4 Max Weber: Religion as 'Social Action'



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2. Contemporary Directions in the Sociology of Religion (25 hrs.)

2.1 Religious Fundamentalism

2.2 The Secularization Debate

2.3 Religious Individualism and the Boundaries of Religion

Reading References

- Durkheim, E. 1995. *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. Translated by Karen E. Fields. New York: The Free Press. Book one and Conclusion, pp. 21-39, 418-440.
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Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-10)

Semester – V

Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

SOCIOLOGY OF KINSHIP

Paper Code – SOCDSC510T

Course Objective:

This course aims to introduce general principles of kinship and marriage by reference to key terms and theoretical statements substantiated by ethnographies. The course looks at the trajectories and new directions in kinship studies.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction (20 hrs.)

1.1 **Key Terms:** Descent, Consanguinity, Filiations, Incest Taboo, Affinity, Family, Residence

2. Family, Household and Marriage (20 hrs.)

2.1 Meaning, Characteristics, and household dimensions of joint family – Disintegration Debate

2.2 Changing Structure and Functions of Marriage, Family and Household

2.3 Marriage Migration

3. Re-casting Family and Kinship (20 hrs.)

3.1 Debates around lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) and Live-in Relationships.

3.2 New Reproductive Technologies

Reading References

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Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS - I

Paper Code – SOCDSC511T

Course Objective:

The course is a general introduction to the methodologies of sociological research methods. It will provide the student with some elementary knowledge of the complexities and philosophical underpinnings of research.

Course Outline:

1. What is Sociological Research? (20 hrs.)

- 1.1 Objectivity and Reflexivity in Sociology
- 1.2 Theory and Research
- 1.3 Concepts and Hypothesis

2. Perspectives towards the study of social phenomenon (25 hrs.)

- 2.1 Reasoning: Deductive and Inductive
- 2.2 Methodologies of Social Research: Qualitative, Quantitative and Triangulation
- 2.3 Types of Research: Basic and Applied, Historical, Empirical, Descriptive, Exploratory, Comparative, Feminist

3. Modes of Enquiry (15 hrs.)

- 3.1 Field Research (Ethnography)
- 3.2 Survey Research



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