

St. Xavier's College – Autonomous, Mumbai

Syllabus
I Semester Course in

Sociology

(June 2016 onwards)

Theory Syllabus for Course:

ASOC0101: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY - Part I

F.Y. B.A Sociology

Title: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – Part I

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To create an awareness and understanding of the critical issues and perspectives in society
- 2. To introduce students to the basic institutions of society.

Number of Lectures: 60

UNIT – I Emergence of Sociology as a discipline:

[15 lectures]

Course: ASOC0401

- Debate about church v/s Science.
- Sociology as a scientific exercise to know society.
- Methods and methodology developed
- Critique of Modernization and Industrialization

UNIT – II Culture, Society and Social Change:

[15 lectures]

- Understanding Culture: Definitions and Concepts
- Types of Culture: High/Folk/Mass/Popular
- Understanding societies: Structure/Custom/membership
- Grasping the: 'what', 'why' & 'how' about (social) change.

UNIT – III Family & Intimate Relations:

[15 lectures]

- Family as integral to societal living:
- Agent of Socialization
- Family vis-a-vis the institution of Marriage
- Intimate relationship in contemporary times & the changing structure
- Issues of violence and inequality: 'labour of love', duty & changing gendered roles

UNIT – IV Crime and Deviance

[15 lectures]

- Theoretical explanations to crime and deviance: Functionalist/Conflict theories
- Victims and perpetrators of crime: at home & work settings.
- Engaging with the legalities of defining a criminal: juvenile/adult/cyber-criminals

C.I.A: Assignment/ Presentation

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