Introduction to Sociology -
Web course

COURSE OUTLINE

The target group of this course consists of students and members of faculty drawn from institutions engaged in engineering programmes at undergraduate level. The objectives of this course are to:

- Expose the students to a broad critical introduction to the discipline;
- Explore the nature of the Indian family in the contemporary context since the sociology of the family has been an important area of study in social anthropology and has been traditionally linked with the studies of marriage and kinship;
- Examine the gender relations within the family especially in the liaison between work and family;
- Provide a sociological perspective on the origin, development and characteristics of rural and urban societies, and deal with both the structural and processual aspects of change in the urban and agrarian societies;
- Provide a critical analysis of different social issues in Indian society;
- Introduce the concepts, theories and case studies that seek to clarify protest as a social, cultural, political, economic and historical phenomenon which has the potential to unleash larger implications for policy changes, social reforms, and even economic and political revolutions.

i. Introduction to the Study of Society
ii. Social Institutions
iii. Social Structure and Social Change
iv. Socialisation
v. Social Issues
vi. Social Protest
vii. Key Thinkers

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Additional Reading:


Hyperlinks:

- [http://www.umsl.edu/~keelr/010/010lec.html](http://www.umsl.edu/~keelr/010/010lec.html)
| 1 | **Introduction**  
|   | Origin of Sociology as a Discipline  
|   | Sociological Methods  
|   | The Individual and Society Institute, Community and Association  
|   | Culture  
|   | The Sociology of Anomie: Conformity and Deviance Questions |
| 2 | **Institutions**  
|   | Education  
|   | Religion  
|   | Kinship  
|   | Marriage  
|   | Family  
|   | Questions |
| 3 | **Social Structure and Social Change**  
|   | Social Structure and Social Change: Basic Concepts  
|   | Social Differentiation and Social Stratification  
|   | Theoretical Perspectives on Social Stratification  
|   | Systems of Stratification  
|   | Factors of Social Change  
|   | Rural-Urban Continuum: Meaning and Context Questions |
| 4 | **Socialisation**  
|   | Socialisation  
|   | Social Control  
|   | Social Roles and Identity Questions |
| 5 | **Social Issues**  
|   | Caste System in India  
|   | Race and Ethnicity  
|   | Religion and Society  
|   | Education and Society  
|   | Gender  
|   | Social Class Questions |
|   | Coordinators:  
|   | **Dr. Sambit Mallick**  
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| 6 | **Social Protests and Social Movements**  
   Social Protests and Social Movements: An Overview  
   Social Movements: Causes and Stages  
   Theories of Social Movements  
   Social Movements in India  
   Identity Formation  
   Questions | 6 |
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| 7 | **Key Thinkers**  
   Sociological Theories: An Overview  
   Auguste Comte and Herbert Spencer  
   Emile Durkheim and Max Weber  
   Karl Marx  
   Georg Simmel, Thorstein Veblen and Karl Mannheim  
   Feminism and Sociological Theory  
   Questions | 6 |
| **Total** | **40** |

**References:**


