

Syllabus Semester – I

Course Title: Social Science Concepts and Perspectives

Course Credits: 04

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

1. To acquaint with basic social science concepts and their application in social work practice
2. To develop a critical understanding of social issues
3. To holistically integrate these concepts to social work theory and practice
4. The course will help to grasp and imbibe basic understanding about the society, different social groups and various institutions of the society.
5. The course will instill among the students to critically analyze the various social problems through various approaches.
6. The course will develop an understanding about the culture, traditions and practices and will help them to connect easily while being in the field.

Unit I: Sociological Concepts

- Concepts in Sociology: Society, Culture, Socialization, Social Control, Social Change, Social Group and Social Construction
- Foundation of Society: Social Structure
- Institutions for Socialization: Family, Marriage, Religion,
- Power and Authority

Unit II: Sociological thoughts

- Positivist Approach (August Comte)
- Functionalist approach (Talcott Parsons)
- Conflict/Dialectical approach (Karl Marx)

Unit III: Social Stratification

- Understanding Caste
- Ambedkar
- Periyar
- Understanding Gender
- (Bell Hooks, Urmila Pawar)
- Modernity (Dipankar Gupta)

Unit IV: Economic and Political Overview

- State and Nation: Concept and Historical overview
- Understanding Economic System – Capitalism, Socialism, Communism, Mixed Economy
- Over view of Indian Economy: Pre-Globalization and Post-Globalization

Unit V :Social Problems in India

- Genesis of Social Problems
- Discrimination based on Identity (Gender Caste, Race, Community, Ethnicity)
- Contemporary Issues –
 - Farmer Distress
 - Displacement
 - Unemployment

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