

AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI
School of Undergraduate Studies

LIST OF SOCIOLOGY COURSES
WINTER SEMESTER 2012-2013

1. II Semester

Course Title: Introduction to Society and Social Inequality (ISSI) (SC01)

Course Coordinator: Dr. Kiranmayi Bhushi (kiran@aud.ac.in)

Pre-Requisites: NA

Description:

This is the first compulsory course to students wanting to take sociology major at the Undergraduate Level. But going by the norms of AUD this is also a course which is technically open to other students also, especially who would want to do a double major having Sociology as one of the majors. It is a course which has concepts, theories, issues, and engaged scholarship through classroom interactions and assessments. Understanding the society in all its nuances and complexities is one of the foundational learnings social science scholarship. This course introduces society, with all its institutional arrangements, such as family, religion, economy and polity, through the perspective of inequality and makes the interface between the everyday inequalities and historical ones. The objectives of the course are as follows:

- To *critically* assess the relations of power in our society
- To *examine* who is benefiting from various social inequalities, as well as who is suffering from them
- To take our degree of critical understanding to a higher, more *analytical* level and
- To relate the course material to real-life *everyday* experiences

2. II Semester

Course Title: Health and Society (SC02)

Course Coordinator: Dr. Oinam Hemlata Devi (hemlata@aud.ac.in)

Pre-Requisites: NA

Description

Health remains a largely unexplored and neglected domain of society(ies) due to various reasons and “Medicine” alone cannot resolve the issues of health as it is very much complex and intricate in nature. This course is meant to provide a conceptual and general understanding of health through an interdisciplinary approach with a focus on society(ies). It will discuss the historical and anthropological perspectives of health and medicine, dimensions of health, determinants of health, and health care systems across time and space in order to explore the underlying socio-cultural systems and values of contemporary health issues and challenges. It will enable students gaining ethical, political, and sociological perspectives underpinning structures and functions of health in societal contexts, health practices, lifestyles and health behaviour, health services and systems, etc. In addition to this, contribution of social sciences to public health and analysis of the narratives and experiences of people from different parts of the world will provide a blueprint to develop, engage, and communicate with others for a better livelihood.

3. IV Semester

Course Title: Gender and Society (SC07)

Course Coordinator: Dr. Jayati Lal (jayati@aud.ac.in)

Pre-Requisites: ISSCAP or ISSI (SC01)

Description:

Gender is a key component of social life. It limits or enables economic, social and political opportunities; structures deep-seated inequalities and life-chances; determines our social status; and shapes our social identities. It affects our everyday lives at the personal level and permeates the public sphere and popular culture. Sociology as a discipline is an important approach to the study of gender, for it enables us to examine the multiple contexts in which it is socially

constructed and reproduced and therefore provides explanations for its continued salience in the contemporary era. This course will offer students an overview of different approaches to the study of gender. It will also examine the historical antecedents and current configurations of gender in Indian society in different institutional contexts. We will thus examine whether gender is distinct from sex, and whether it is naturally or socially produced. We will also see how, from public to private arenas, gender difference is (re)produced in a variety of institutional and micro-political contexts and in relation to other forms of inequality, such as caste, class, and ethnicity.

4. IV Semester

Course Title: Caste in Contemporary India (SC08)

Course Coordinator: Dr. Bidhan Chandra Dash (bidhan@aud.ac.in)

Pre-Requisites: NA

Description:

Although, concerted efforts to understand the caste system spans more than two hundred years, caste still remains an elusive social category. Not surprisingly, caste has been one of the central themes of Indian Sociology and Social Anthropology from its inception, yet academic perspectives on caste have proved inadequate in capturing the complexity of the system. The attempt of this course is to explain these complexities in understanding the caste system and its contemporary forms of manifestations. The course will begin with documenting contemporary forms of manifestation of caste, and link them to the sociological and historical perspectives that provide explanations to the ‘modernity of caste’. The course will move beyond the disciplinary boundaries and introduce the students to the various forms of resistance movements to the caste-based inequalities and the way these movements have perceived the origin, emergence and dynamics of the caste system.

5. IV Semester

Course Title: Research Methods (SC09)

Course Coordinator: Dr. Urfat Anjem Mir (urfat@aud.ac.in)

Pre-Requisites NA

Description

Starting with a discussion on the meaning and significance of social research, relationship between theory and research, the course will cover issues such as formulating research problem, preparing research design; methods of research and techniques of data collection and analysis. Major emphasis of this course will be on survey method, interview, questionnaire, basic statistical analysis and general principles of qualitative data analysis.

At the end of the course, students are expected to be acquainted with research terminology and learn application of few methodological skills and techniques to conduct a research study. The students will be encouraged to explore the possibilities of applying their research skills in a variety of situations.

6. IV Semester

Course Title: Sociology of Education (SC10)

Course coordinator: Dr. Kancharla Valentina (valentina@aud.ac.in)

Pre-Requisites: NA

Description

Education is never an apolitical process but is embedded in specific social, cultural, religious, economic and political contexts. The objective of this course is to scientifically analyse the social processes and social patterns involved in the education system. This paper will be divided into four sections. The first section will discuss different theoretical approaches and contributions to Sociology of Education. The second section will include the dynamics of class, race, religion, caste and gender in Education while the third section will study the various Indian traditions of education and the fourth section will focus on the Impact of L.P.G. (liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation) on Education.