

# Mount Mary College

Chümoukedima, Nagaland

Department of Sociology

NEP FYUGP Syllabus, Course Details

Sociology



## COURSE CONTENT

### Major Course (Core papers): Core papers

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-1**  
**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY - I**

**Course Objective:**

The mandate of the course is to introduce the discipline to students from diverse trainings and capabilities. The course is intended to introduce the students to a sociological way of thinking. It also provides a foundation for the other more detailed and specialized courses in sociology.

**Outline:**

**1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective**

- a. Meaning of Sociology
- b. Scope and Significance of Sociology
- c. Thinking Sociologically
- d. Emergence of Sociology and Social Anthropology

**2. Sociology and Other Social Sciences**

- a. Sociology & History
- b. Sociology & Psychology
- c. Sociology & Economics
- d. Sociology & Political Science

**3. Basic Concepts**

- a. Individual and Group
- b. Associations and Institutions
- c. Social Control and Change
- d. Status and Role

**4. Social Institutions – Basic Concepts**

- a. Family
- b. Religion
  - c. Education
  - d. Politics

**5. Social Stratification – Basic Concepts**

- a. Caste
  - b. Class
  - c. Gender
  - d. Ethnicity

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-2**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA-I**

**Course Objective:**

This paper introduces the processes and modes of construction of knowledge of India. Further, it aims to draw attention to the key concepts and institutions which are useful for the understanding of Indian society.

**Outline:**

**1. India: An Object of Knowledge**

- a. The Colonial Discourse
- b. The Nationalist Discourse
- c. The Subaltern Critique
- d. Unity in Diversity

**2. Caste**

- a. Theories of origin of Caste system
- b. Transformation of Caste system
- c. Mobility in Caste
- d. Caste and Politics

**3. Tribe**

- a. Concept and Definition
- b. Distribution of Tribal people in India
- c. Problems and Issues of Tribal people in India
- d. Approaches to Tribal development – Assimilation/Isolation/Integration

**4. Agrarian Society**

- a. Features of Agrarian Society
- b. Occupational structure
- c. Land ownership pattern
- d. Contemporary Issues

**5. Industry and Labour**

- a. Types of Industries in India
  - b. Human relations
  - c. Authority relations
- d. Role of Trade Unions

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**NOTIFICATION**

This is to inform all concerned that a minor modification has been made into the Department of Sociology UG Course, Course Code: SOC/H/C-3 (Introduction to Sociology-II). The revised syllabus was approved in the Academic Council meeting (AC 38:16.6, Sl. No. 4). The revised syllabus on the concerned paper is attached here for reference.

**Course Code: SOC/H/C-3**  
**Introduction to Sociology-II**  
**(Revised)**

**Course Objective:**

The course aims to provide a general introduction to sociological thought. The focus is on studying from the original texts to give the students a flavor of how over a period of time thinkers have conceptualized various aspects of society. This paper also provides a foundation for thinkers in the other papers.

**Outline:**

**1. Introduction to Theories of Society**

- a. Montesquieu and Rousseau - Emergence of Social Theory
- b. Herbert Spencer - Conceptualizing Society
- c. George Simmel - Sociability
- d. Saint Simon and August Comte - Origin of Positivism

**2. Structuralism**

- a. Emile Durkheim - Social Solidarity
- b. A.R. Radcliffe Brown - The Idea of Social Structure
- c. Edmund Leach – Social Structure

**3. Functionalist Perspective**

- a. Malinowski - Theory of Needs
- b. Talcott Parsons – Action Theory
- c. R. K. Merton – Strain Theory

**4. Interpretive and Interactionist Perspective**

- a. Max Weber – Concept of Social Action
- b. G.H. Mead - Pragmatism
- c. Herbert Blumer - Symbolic Interactionism

**5. Conflict Perspective**

- a. Karl Marx – Dialectical Materialism
- b. Lewis Coser - Functionalist Interpretation of Conflict
- c. Ralf Dahrendorf – Class Conflict in Modern Society

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-4**  
**Sociology of India-II**

**Course Objective:**

This paper aims to draw attention to the variety of ideas and debates about India. Further, it critically engages with the multiple socio-political forces and ideologies which shape the terrain of the nation.

**Outline:**

**1. Ideas of India**

- a. Gandhi
- b. Nehru
- c. Jyotiba Phule
- d. Ambedkar

**2. Social Change**

- a. Tradition to Modernity
- b. Urbanization
- c. Change in role and status of women
- d. Role of Technology in change

**3. Resistance**

- a. Dalit Politics
- b. Feminist activism
- c. Politics of Autonomy
- d. Environmental protests

**4. Mobilization - Characteristics**

- a. Peasant movement
- b. Student movement
- c. Ethnic movement
- d. Labour movement

**5. Challenges to Civilization, State and Society:**

- a. Development and Displacement
- b. Secularism
- c. Educated Unemployment
- d. Nation-building

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-5**  
**POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**Course Objective:**

This course introduces the students to some major theoretical debates and concepts in Political Sociology, while situating these within contemporary political issues. A key thrust of the paper is towards developing a comparative understanding of political relationships through themes such as power, governance and state and society relationships.

**Outline:**

**1. Contextualizing the study of Political sociology**

- a. Meaning and Scope
- b. Subject matter
- c. Emergence of political sociology
- d. Relationship between politics and sociology

**2. Basic Concepts**

- a. Power
- b. Authority
- c. Political socialization
- d. Political culture

**3. People and Polity**

- a. Meaning of political participation
- b. Activities of political participation
- c. Public opinion
- d. Pressure group

**4. Political System**

- a. Political system and society
- b. Totalitarians system
- c. Democratic system
- d. Tribal governance among the Nagas

**5. Political Institutions and Bureaucracy**

- a. State; definition and origin of state.
- b. Local Structure; 73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment and institution of Panchayati Raj,
- c. Village Councils; Nagaland village and area council act 1979.
- d. Bureaucracy

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-6**  
**Sociology of Religion**

**Course Objective:**

The course lays primacy to the understanding of religious over individual religions. Drawing heavily from classical writings on the subject it reinforces importance of the positions developed in these texts. Implicitly numerous interconnections can be attempted between various themes, manifestly the overarching concern of the paper is to follow up the linkage between social and religious through different registers mentioned in the outline.

**Outline:**

**1. Formulating Religion**

- a. Sociology of Religion: Nature & Scope
- b. Concept & definitions of religion
- c. Characteristics of Religion
- d. Functions

**2. Types of Religion**

- a. Totemism
- b. Animism & Naturalism
- c. Atheism,
- d. Monotheism and Polytheism

**3. Sociological perspectives on religion**

- a. Functionalist - Durkheim: Sacred and Profane
  - b. Conflict - Marx: Religion as Ideological weapon
- c. Interactionist - Weber: Religious Ethics and Economy
- d. Structuralism- Levi-Strauss: Myths & totems

**4. Elements of Religion**

- a. Sacred, Myth, Ritual
- b. Magic & Sorcery
- c. Time and Space
- d. Rationality

**5. Religion and Society: Contemporary Direction**

- a. Fundamentalism
- b. Secularism
- c. Communalism
- d. Pluralism

## Readings:

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-7**  
**Sociology of Gender**

**Course Objective:**

The course introduces gender as a critical sociological lens of enquiry in relation to various social fields. It also interrogates the categories of gender, sex, and sexuality.

**Outline:**

**1. Gendering Sociology**

- a. Why Gender Matters
- b. Understanding Gender
- c. Types of Gender
- d. The sociological views

**2. Gender as a Social Construct**

- a. Sex and Gender
- b. Nature and Culture
- c. Patriarchy
- d. Gender Socialization

**3. Perspectives on Gender**

- a. Functionalist
- b. Conflict
- c. Gandhian
- d. Subaltern

**4. Gender: Differences and Inequalities**

- a. Class and gender
- b. Caste and gender
- c. Family and gender
- d. Work and gender

**5. Gender and Power**

- a. Women and decision making
- b. Women's movement
- c. Gender mainstreaming
- d. Emerging challenges

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## Readings:

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-8**  
**ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY**

**Course Objective:**

The course provides an understanding of the social and cultural bases of economic activity. It highlights the significance of sociological analysis for the study of economic processes in local and global contexts.

**Outline:**

**1. Introduction and Perspectives**

- a. Meaning and Concepts
- b. Nature and Scope
- c. Formalism and Substantivism
- d. New Economic Sociology

**2. Forms of Exchange**

- a. Reciprocity and Gift
- b. Barter
  - c. Exchange and Money

**3. Systems of Production, Circulation and Consumption**

- a. Hunting and Gathering
  - b. Agrarian
  - c. Capitalism
  - d. Socialism

**4. Economic Development**

- a. Factors
  - b. Agencies
  - c. Stages
  - d. Impact

**5. Some Contemporary Issues**

- a. E-commerce
  - b. Development
  - c. Globalization
  - d. Unemployment

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-9**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF KINSHIP**

**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.

**Outline:**

**1. Introduction**

- a. Meaning and Definition
- b. Significance of Kinship
- c. History of Kinship studies
- d. Types of Kinship

**2. Kinship Terminology**

- a. Descent and Lineage
- b. Clan and Filiation
- c. Incest Taboo
- d. Residence

**3. Kinship Theories**

- a. Descent
- b. Alliance
- c. Tetradic

**4. Family Household and Marriage**

- a. Intergenerational conflict and Youth unrest
- b. Conflict and disunity in the family
- c. Disintegration of the Traditional Indian Joint Family System
- d. Changes in the Indian Marriage system

**5. Recasting Kinship**

- a. Relatedness
- b. Kinship and Gender
- c. Re-imagining Families
- d. Unisex Family

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# Social Stratification

## **Course Objective:**

This course introduces students to Sociological study of Social Inequalities. It acquaints students with principal theoretical perspectives on and diverse forms of Social inequality in articulation with each other.

## **Outline:**

### **1. Introduction**

- a. Concept, meaning and Characteristics
- b. Significance
- c. Functions
- d. Consequences

### **2. Theories**

- a. Marx: Class
- b. Max Weber: Status and Power
- c. Pierre Bourdieu: Forms of Capital
- d. Feminist Theory

### **3. Identities and Inequalities**

- a. Age
- b. Gender
- c. Race
- d. Ethnicity

### **4. Mobility and Social Reproduction**

- a. Types of Social Mobility
- b. Cultural and Social Reproduction
- c. Westernisation
- d. Modernisation

### **5. Traditional Naga Social Stratification**

- a. Warriors
- b. Feast of Merit
- c. Chieftains
- d. Gender and Age

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-11**  
**SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS-I**

**Objectives:**

The course introduces the students to the classics in the making of the discipline of sociology through selected texts by the major thinkers.

**Outline:**

**1. AUGUST COMTE**

- a. Intellectual background
- b. Law of human progress
- c. Social static and dynamic
- d. Hierarchy of the science

**2. HERBERT SPENCER**

- a. Science and society
- b. Organic analogy
- c. Social types: Militant & Industrial Societies
- d. Functionalism

**3. KARL MARX**

- a. Materialism as a tool for understanding social reality
- b. Dialectical materialism
- c. Class & Class Struggle
- d. Alienation

**4. MAX WEBER**

- a. Phenomenological sociology; Verstehen: understanding and meaning
- b. Ideal types
- c. Religion and economy
- d. Authority

**5. EMILE DURKHEIM**

- a. The functional analysis of society; Division of labour in society
- b. The rules of sociological methods; Social fact
- c. Suicide
- d. The sacred and profane

## Readings:

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-12**  
**Sociological Research Methods-I**

**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.

**Outline:**

**1. The Logic of Social Research**

- a. Science and Logic
- b. Characteristics of Scientific Research
- c. Objectivity in Social Science
- d. Value-neutrality

**2. Types of Research**

- a. Basic and Applied
- b. Historical
- c. Empirical
- d. Descriptive

**3. Methodological Perspective**

- a. Conflict
- b. Structural- Functionalism
- c. Symbolic Interaction
- d. Positivism

**4. Techniques of Data Collection**

- a. Observation
- b. Questionnaire and Interview schedule
- c. Survey
- d. Case study

**5. Ethical Issues**

- a. Research Ethics in Historical Perspective
- b. Regulations on the Research Process
- c. Ethical Codes
- d. Validity and truth

## Readings:

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-13**  
**Sociological Thinkers-II**

**Course Objective:**

To introduce students to post-classical sociological thinking through some original texts.

**Outline:**

**1. TalcottParsons**

- a. Concept of social system
- b. Functional pre-requisites of social system (AGIL)
- c. Pattern variables
- d. Theory of Social Action

**2. ClaudeLevi-Strauss**

- a. Structuralism
- b. Theory of Myth
- c. Alliance theory
- d. The science of the concrete

**3. G. H. Mead and Erving Goffman**

- a. G.H Mead - symbolic interactionism
- b. G.H Mead - Theory of Perspective
- c. Erving Goffman - Dramaturgy

**4. Peter L. Berger**

- a. The Theory of Religion
- b. Social Construction of Reality
- c. The Sociological perspective

**5. C. Wright Mills**

- a. White collar: The American middle class
- b. Sociological Imagination
- c. Power Elite

## Readings:

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**CourseCode: SOC/H/C-14**  
**Sociological Research Methods-II**

**Objective:**

The course is an introductory course on how research is actually done. With emphasis on formulating research design, methods of data collection, and data analysis, it will provide students with some elementary knowledge on how to conduct both, quantitative and qualitative research.

**Outline:**

**1. Methods of Data Collection**

- a. Social Survey
- b. Case Study
- c. Field Study
- d. Focus Group Interview

**2. Research Design**

- a. Meaning and Definition
- b. Functions
- c. Phases in Research Designing
- d. Design for different types of Research

**3. Problem Formation and Developing Research Questions**

- a. Components in Research
- b. Sources of Selecting Research Topics
- c. Operationalising Concepts
- d. Formulating Research Questions

**4. Measures in Research**

- a. Graphical and Diagrammatic Presentation of Data
- b. Measurement and scaling
- c. Archival Strategies
- d. Public and Private Archives

**5. Data Processing and Interpretation**

- a. Methods of Data Processing
- b. Analysis of Data
- c. Interpretation of Data
- d. Techniques of Report Writing

## Readings:

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**Course Code: SOC/H/C-15**  
**Urban Sociology**

**Course Objective:**

This course provides an exposure to key theoretical perspectives for understanding urban life in historical and contemporary contexts. It also reflects on some concerns of urban living while narrating the subjective experiences of urban communities. With case studies from India and other parts of the world this course will help students relate to the complexities of urban living.

**Outline:**

**1. Introduction**

- a. History of Urbanisation
- b. Meaning and Concepts
- c. Nature and Scope
- d. Urbanism and the city

**2. Perspectives**

- a. Ecological
- b. Political Economy
- c. City as Culture

**3. Urban Social Problems**

- a. Migration
- b. Housing
- c. Congestion and Pollution
- d. Crime and Delinquency

**4. Politics of Urban Space**

- a. Culture and Leisure
- b. Globalization
- c. Development
- d. Slum

**5. Emerging Issues and Challenges**

- a. Welfare and Security measures
- b. Social network and new technologies
- c. Environmental Challenges
- d. Popular Culture

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2. Holton, R. J. *Cities, Capitalism and Civilization*, London: Allan and Unwin, Chapters. 1 & 2. Pp. 1 – 32
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