

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE –05: Social Stratification

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 05 Social Stratification	4	3	1	0	12th Pass	Nil

Course Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce social stratification which is the systematic study of structured social inequalities as a substantive area that lies at the heart of sociology.
2. To introduce students to theoretical perspectives and empirical studies that are integral to the discipline.
3. To teach students how social inequality is constituted as a sociological problematique
4. To familiarize students with key concepts and theoretical perspectives that inform the study of stratification.
5. To examine key axes of stratification such as caste, class, gender, ethnicity and race and their intersections.
6. To familiarize students with key processes of stratification: social mobility and social reproduction.
7. To appraise students of the multiple operations of social inequalities and the reproduction of inequality in society.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Recognize* social inequalities as a multifarious and culturally specific social reality.
2. *Define* the concepts, *outline* the principal theories and *recall* the critical debates in the arena of social stratification.
3. *Appreciate* the significance of sociological knowledge of social stratification for public discourse and *translate* the conceptual learning into well formulated sociological research projects.

Outline Syllabus of DSC-05:

Unit I: Understanding Social Stratification (16 Hours)

Unit II: Social Stratification: Axes and Issues (44 Hours)

- a. Caste
- b. Class

- c. **Gender**
- d. **Ethnicity**
- e. **Race**
- f. **Social Mobility and Social Reproduction**

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Understanding Social Stratification

Mills, C. Wright. (1963), *The Sociology of Stratification*. In *Power, Politics and People: The Collected Essays of C. Wright Mills*. New York: OUP. Pp 305-323.

Gerald D. Berreman. (1972) 'Race, Caste, And Other Invidious Distinctions in Social Stratification', In *Race and Class*, 13:4. Pp 385-414.

Grusky, David B. (2008), *Social Stratification: Class, Race and Gender in Sociological Perspective*, Philadelphia: Westview Press. Pp. 30-32, 41-48.

Unit II: Social Stratification: Axes and Issues

a. Caste

Gupta, Dipankar. (1991), Ed. *Social Stratification*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. Pp. 23-34, 74-92, 195-212.

Deliege, Robert. (1999), *The Untouchables of India*. Oxford: Berg. Pp. 89-115, 124-134.

b. Class

Joyce, Patrick. Ed. (1995) *Class*, Oxford: OUP. Pp. 21-40, 43-55.

Gupta, Dipankar. (1991), *Social Stratification*. Delhi: OUP. Pp. 227-230, 248-275.

c. Gender

Mullings, Leith. (1988), 'Notes On Women, Work and Society', In Johnnetta B. Cole. Ed. *Anthropology for the Nineties*. New York: The Free Press. 312-320.

Collins, Patricia Hill. (Fall 1993), 'Toward a New Vision: Race Class and Gender as Categories of analysis and Connection' in *Race, Sex & Class*, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 25-45.

d. Ethnicity

Hutchinson, John and Anthony D. Smith. (1996), *Ethnicity*. Oxford: OUP. Pp. 17-18, 28-31, 35-45, 197-202; 301-304.

e. Race

Back, Les and John Solomos. eds. (2009), *Theories of Race and Racism: A Reader*. Pp. 181-188.

Grusky, David B. (2008), *Social Stratification: Class, Race and Gender in Sociological Perspective*, Philadelphia: Westview Press. 3e. Pp. 691- 709.

f. Social Mobility and Social Reproduction:

Keister, Lisa A., Darby E. Southgate. (2012), *Inequality: A Contemporary Approach to Race, Class, and Gender*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 8. Social Mobility. Pp. 294-313

Lareau, Annette. (2008), 'Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race and Family Life' in David B. Grusky, *Social Stratification: Class, Race and Gender in Sociological Perspective*, Philadelphia: Westview Press. Pp.926-936.

Suggested Readings:

Béteille, A. (1965), *Caste, Class and Power*: Berkeley. The University of California.

Bourdieu, Pierre. (1984), *Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgement of Taste*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University.

Dumont, L. (1980) *Homo Hierarchicus: the caste system and its implications*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Mills, C Wright. (1956) *The Power Elite*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Quigley, D. (1993). *The Interpretation of caste*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Sharma, B. D. (1989) *The Web of Poverty*. Shillong: North-east university Press.

Subramanian, Ajantha. (2019) *The Caste of Merit: Engineering Education in India*, Cambridge: Harvard.

Tilly, Charles. (1998) *Durable Inequality*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Veblen, Thorstein. (1973) *The Theory of the Leisure Class*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Wilkinson, Richard and Kate Pickett. (2011), *The spirit level: Why greater equality makes Societies Stronger*. New York: Bloomsbury Press.

Wright, Erik Olin. (2005). *Approaches to Class Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.