

**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		
<b>DSC 06 Families and Intimacies</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Pass</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**Course Learning Objectives:**

1. This course seeks to sociologically examine the worlds of family, intimacy and marriage in their diverse forms while understanding changes in its structures and experiences of it.
2. The course will equip students with a critical understanding of basic concepts and sociological explanations of the way in which socially embedded relationships of affect in the family and intimate relationships intersect with economies of power, work, and control over resources in contemporary societies.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**Students will be able to:**

1. *Examine* the institutions of family and marriage as pivotal social institutions of intimacy from a sociological and socio-anthropological perspective.
2. *Discuss* historical and socio-cultural perspectives on the understanding of marriage, family and intimacy.
3. *Problematis*e universality and *outline* and *observe* the structural and experiential realities of marriage and family.
4. *Identify* the variations in family structures and experiences using ethnographic accounts from different socio-cultural contexts.
5. *Describe* the critical implications of family change as they are related to social policy and legal issues.

**Outline Syllabus of DSC-06:**

**Unit 1: An Invitation to Families & Intimacies (20 Hours)**

This unit familiarises students with the basic sociological concepts of marriage and family which are regarded as pivotal institutions of intimacy for all societies. It also explains the historical changes that these institutions have undergone.

**Unit 2: Familial Worlds (20 Hours)**

The unit examines different familial worlds with an emphasis on kinship, gender, body and demography in India and other parts of the world.

**Unit 3: Marriage & Intimacies (20 Hours)**

In this Unit the focus is on exploring the ways in which marriage and family have been comprehended in contemporary societies. It also focuses on the impact of technology on family and intimacy.

**Practical component (if any) - NIL**

**Essential/Recommended Readings:**

### **Unit 1. An Invitation to Families & Intimacies**

Becker, G. S. (1991). *A Treatise on the Family*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 342-349.

Gough, K E. (1968). Is the Family Universal: The Nayar Case, in Norman W. Bill and Ezra F. Vogel (ed). *A Modern Introduction to the Family*, New York: The Free Press, 80-96.

Uberoi, P. (2003). The Family in India: Beyond the Nuclear Versus Joint Debate, in Veena Das(ed.). *The Oxford Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1061-1092.

Renate B. (1982). The Family: A View from a Room of Her Own, in Barrie Thorne and Marilyn Yalom eds. *Rethinking the Family: Some Feminist Questions*, Boston: North-western University Press, 225 – 235.

Jeffery, R., & Jeffery, P. (1997). Population, gender and politics: Demographic change in rural north India (Vol. 3). Cambridge University Press. Chapter 4. Women's Agency and Fertility. Pp-117-164.

### **Unit 2. Familial Worlds**

Shah, A. M. (2014). *The Writings of A. M. Shah: The Household and Family in India*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 286-328.

Dube, L. (1997). *Women and Kinship: Comparative Perspectives on Gender in South and South-East Asia*. Tokyo: United Nations University Press, 34-48.

Lamb, S. (2000). *White Saris and Sweet Mangoes: Aging, Gender, and Body in North India*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 115-143.

Reddy, G. (2006). The bonds of love: companionate marriage and the desire for intimacy among Hijras in Hyderabad, India. *Modern loves: the anthropology of romantic courtship and companionate marriage*, 174-193.2.5.

Hochschild, A. (1989.) *The Second Shift*: New York: Penguin, 11-33.

### **Unit 3. Intimacies & Marriage 67 pages**

Jamieson, L. (2011). Intimacy as a concept: Explaining Social Change in the Context of Globalization or another form of ethnocentrism? *Sociological Research Online*, 16(4), 151-163.

Leach, E. R. (1955). 199. Polyandry, Inheritance and the Definition of Marriage. *Man*, 55, 182-186

Palriwala, R and R. Kaur. (2014). Introduction: Marriage in South Asia in Stacey, J. (2011). *Unhitched: Love, Marriage, and Family Values from West Hollywood to Western China*. New York: New York University Press, 122-151.

Kaur, R., & Dhanda, P. (2014). Surfing for spouses: Marriage websites and the 'New' Indian Marriage. *Marrying in South Asia: Shifting Concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalising World*, 271-292.

### **Suggested Readings**

Charsley, Katharine. 2005, "Unhappy husbands: Masculinity and migration in transnational Pakistani marriages." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 11, no. 1, Pp 85-105.

Cherlin, Andrew J. "The Deinstitutionalization of American Marriage." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 66, Pp 848-861.

Chowdhry, P., 1998, 'Enforcing Cultural Codes: Gender and Violence in Northern India', in M. E. John and J. Nair (eds.), *A Question of Silence: The Sexual Economies of Modern India*, New Delhi: Kali for Women, Pp. 332-67.

Lambert, Helen. 2000. 'Sentiment and substance in North Indian forms of relatedness', in *Cultures of Relatedness*, edited by Janet Carsten, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp73-89.

Palriwala, Rajni. 1999. "Negotiating Patriliney: Intra-household Consumption and Authority in Rajasthan (India)", in Rajni Palriwala and Carla Risseuw (eds.), *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising kinship and gender relations in South Asia and Sub-Saharan, Africa*. Delhi: Sage Publications, Pp.190-220.

Parry Jonathan. 2001. *Ankalu's Errant Wife: Sex, Marriage and Industry in Contemporary Chhattisgarh*, *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 35, No. 4, Pp. 783-820.

Reddy, Gayatri. 2005. *With Respect to Sex: Negotiating Hijra Identity in South India*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Pp142-185

Roseneil, Sasha, and Shelley Budgeon. 2004. "Cultures of intimacy and care beyond 'the family': Personal life and social change in the early 21st century." *Current Sociology* 52, no. 2 Pp 135-159.

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