

Category III

BA (Prog.) with Sociology as non-Major

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B.A. (Prog.) Sociology Discipline Specific Core (DSC) 05 Classical Sociological Thinkers

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -05 (DSC-05) : Classical Sociological Thinkers

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 Classical Sociological Thinkers	4	3	1	0	12 th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives

4. To familiarise students with the contribution of classical sociological thinkers.
5. To enable students to understand the theoretical concepts that laid the foundation of Sociology as a discipline.
6. To appreciate enduring relevance and contemporary relevance of classical Sociological thought.

Learning outcomes

4. To *identify* the salient features of classical sociological theory and its role in the development of the discipline.
5. To *recognize* interconnections between classical sociological theories and contemporary research.
6. To *apply* theoretical concepts to examine social issues and concerns.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-5

Unit I

Karl Marx: Materialist Conception of History (15 Hours)

This unit introduces students to one of the key conceptual contributions of Marx that examines the historical development of society.

Unit II

Emile Durkheim: Social Fact (15 Hours)

This unit explains Durkheim's definition of 'Social Fact' and its significance in establishing Sociology as a scientific discipline with a distinct methodology.

Unit III

Max Weber: Ideal Types and Types of Authority (15 Hours)

This unit introduces the concepts of Ideal Types, explaining one of Weber's key methodological tools for developing a sociological study of society. The section further illustrates Weber's use of the concept through his analysis of 'types of authority'.

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Karl Marx

a. Materialist Conception of History

Marx, K. & F. Engels. (1969). *The German ideology*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. pp. 34-42.

Calhoun, J. Craig, (2007). *Classical Sociological Theory*. Malden: 2nd Edition Blackwell. pp. 73-130.

Unit II. Emile Durkheim

Social Fact

Durkheim, E. (1958). *The Rules of Sociological Method*. Glencoe: Free Press, Chapters 1 and 3. pp.50-59; 85-107.

Jones R.A. (1986). *Emile Durkheim: An Introduction to Four Major Works*. London: Sage Publications. Chapters 3 and 4. pp. (60-114).

Unit III. Max Weber

Ideal Types and Types of Authority

Weber, Max. (1947). *The Theory of Social and Economic Organization*. New York: The Free Press, pp. 324-386.

Giddens, Anthony. (1971). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Ch 10.(pp 133-144).

Suggested Readings:

Freund, Julien. (1998). *The Sociology of Max Weber*. New Delhi: Routledge.

Giddens, Anthony. (1971). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Weber and Durkheim*. Edinburgh: Cambridge University Press.

Seidman, Steven. (1994). *Contested Knowledge*. Sussex: Blackwell Publishers.

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