

Category IV

Common Pool of Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

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BA (H) Sociology Discipline Specific Elective 01 Urban Sociology

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE -01 (DSE-01) : Urban Sociology

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		
DSE-01 Urban Sociology	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. To place the city in its historical and contemporary context.
2. To give an overview of key theoretical perspectives on city and urban phenomena.
3. To illustrate the complexity of urban realities with thematic case studies.

Learning outcomes

1. *Comprehend* the significance of concept of urbanism and process of urbanization in our times.
2. *Understand and apply* various theories of the city.
3. *Analyze and evaluate* key urban processes such as migration, displacement and urban slums.
4. *Create* sociologically informed solutions for contemporary urban issues such as resettlement and rehabilitation.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-01:

Unit 1: Introducing Urban Sociology: Urban, Urbanism and the City (9 Hours)

This unit introduces students to the constitutive elements of urban life as examined in anthropological and sociological writings.

Unit 2: Perspectives in Urban Sociology (15 Hours)

This unit examines the key theoretical perspectives that provide a sociological understanding of urban reality.

- a. Ecological**
- b. Political Economy**
- c. Network**
- d. City as Culture**

Unit 3: Movements and Settlements (6 Hours)

This unit enables an understanding of urban processes such as migration, displacement, resettlement, rehabilitation etc. and the factors that give rise to them.

Unit 4: Politics of Urban Space (15 Hours)

This unit examines the experience of urban spaces for individuals and communities based on their specific socio-political locations.

- a. Caste, Class and Gender**
- b. Culture and Leisure**

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit 1: Urban, Urbanism and the City

Southall, Aidan. 2000. *The City in Time and Space*. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge. Chapter 1. Writing the city under crisis. Pp. 3-22.

Weber, Max. 1978. *The City*. The Free Press: New York. Pp 65-89.

Unit 2: Perspectives in Urban Sociology

a. Ecological

Hannerz, Ulf. 1980. *Exploring the City: Toward an Urban Anthropology*, NY: Columbia University Press. Chapter 2. Chicago Ethnographers. Pp 19-58.

b. Political Economy

Harvey, David. 1985. *The Urban Experience*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, Chapter 1. Money, Time, Space and the City. Pp. 1-35.

c. Network

Castells, Manuel. 2002, *Local and Global: Cities in the Network Society*. In *The Royal Dutch Geographical Society KNAG*, Vol. 93, No. 5, Blackwell Publishers. Pp. 548–558.

d. City as Culture

Simmel, Georg. 1903. Metropolis and the Mental Life. In Gary Bridge and Sophie Watson, (Eds.), *The Blackwell City Reader*. Oxford and Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2002. Pp. 12-19

Unit 3: Movements and Settlements

Rao, M.S.A. 1981. Some aspects of the sociology of migration. *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 30, 1. Pp. 21-38.

Anand, Inbanathan. 2003. Migration and Adaptation: Lower Caste Tamils in a Delhi Resettlement Colony. In Ranvinder Singh Sandhu (Ed.), *Urbanization in India*. Sage: New Delhi. Pp. 232-246.

Unit 4: Politics of Urban Space:

a. Caste, Class and Gender

Kamath, Lalitha and Vijayabaskar, M. 2009. Limits and possibilities of middle-class associations as urban collective actors. *Economic & Political Weekly*, June 27, vol XLIV, No. 26 & 27, Pp. 368 -376.

Ayyar, Varsha. 2013. Caste and gender in a Mumbai resettlement site. *Economic & Political Weekly*, May 4, Vol. XLVIII, No 18, Pp. 44-55.

Castells, Manuel. 1983. Cultural Identity, Sexual Liberation and Urban Structure: The Gay Community in San Francisco. In *The City and the Grassroots*. Pp. 138-170.

b. Culture and Leisure

Grazian, David. 2009, Urban nightlife, social capital, and the public life of cities. *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 24, No. 4, Pp. 908-917.

Suggested Readings:

Gautam Bhan, Teresa Caldeira, Kelly Gillespie and AbdouMaliq Simone. 2020. The pandemic, southern urbanisms and collective life. *Society and Space* Vol 3.

<https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/the-pandemic-southern-urbanisms-and-collective-life>

Crawford, Margaret. "The World in a Shopping Mall," in *Variations on a Theme Park: The New American City and the End of Public Space*, ed., Michael Sorkin, (New York, NY: Hill and Wang, 1992). Pp. 3-30.

Mumford, Lewis 1961. *The City in History: its origins and transformations and its prospects*. New York:Mariner Books: Chapter 4. The Ancient City. Pp. 94-118

Oskar Verkaaik. 2008. Cosmopolistan: culture, cosmopolitanism and gender in Karachi, Pakistan. In Martina Reiker and Kamran Asdar Ali (Eds.), *Gendering Urban Space in the Middle East, South Asia and Africa*. Palgrave Macmillan. NY.

Audio Visual Material:

Whyte, William H. 1980. Social Life of Small Urban Spaces 2. Giovanni Vaz Del Bello. 2006.

A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil 3. Anand Patwardhan. 1985

Bombay: Our City 4. Sanjiv Shah. A Place To Live 5. Gouri Patwadhan. Bin Savlyanchya Gavati (In a Shadowless Town)

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