

B.A. (H) Sociology
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) 11
Sociology of Care

DICIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – 11 (DSE 11) : SOCIOLOGY OF CARE

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 11 Sociology of Care	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. The course introduces ‘care’ as a sociological concept, with its diverse themes, theoretical perspectives, key debates and empirical practices.
2. It attempts to develop a critical understanding of care as a multi-layered concept and its operationalisation in society.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Identify* and *assess*, the concept of ‘care’ and its intersectional nature, from a sociological lens.
2. *Evaluate* the significance of multi-layered nature of ‘care’ practices, further translating the conceptual and empirical knowledge in both application-based research and in academic discourses.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-11: Sociology of Care

Unit I Conceptualising ‘Care’ and its Multiple Dimensions (15 hrs)

This unit introduces students to the concept of care and its different dimensions.

Unit II Themes in the ‘Sociology of Care’ (21 hrs)

This unit maps the multiple themes in the sociology of care through analytical essays and case studies.

- a. Moral and Political
- b. Economy and Policy
- c. Care as Social Justice
- d. Global Care Complex

Unit III Care: Contexts, Practices and Current Concerns (09 hrs)

This unit explores the divergent contexts, practices, and current concerns of the sociology of care.

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I. Conceptualising ‘Care’ and its Multiple Dimensions

Armenia, Amy. (2018). ‘Caring as Work: Research and Theory’, in Barbara J. Risman, Carissa Froyum, and William J. Scarborough, eds. *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*. Cham: Springer International Publishing. Pp. 469-478.

Bulmer, Martin. (1993). ‘The Social Basis of Community Care’, in Joanna Bornat et.al. (eds.) *Community Care: A Reader*, London: Macmillan, Pp. 45-51.

Thomas, Carol. (1993). ‘De-constructing concepts of care’. *Sociology* 27, no. 4. Pp. 649-669.

Unit II Themes in the ‘Sociology of Care’

a. Moral and Political

Tronto, Joan C. (1993). *Moral Boundaries: A Political Argument for an Ethic of Care*, Ch.4: Care, New York & London: Routledge. Pp. 101-124.

Wuthnow, Robert. (1995). ‘Reasons to Care: Multiple Voices of Modern Society’ in *Learning to Care: Elementary Kindness in an Age of Indifference*, Ch.4, Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 59-81.

b. Economy and Policy

Folbre, Nancy. (2006). ‘Measuring Care: Gender, Empowerment, and the Care Economy.’ *Journal of human development* 7, no. 2. Pp. 183-199.

Daly, Mary. (2002). ‘Care as a Good for Social Policy.’ *Journal of Social Policy* 31, no. 2. Pp. 251-270.

c. Care as Social Justice

Lynch, Kathleen, Manolis Kalaitzake, and Mags Crean. (2021). 'Care and Affective Relations: Social Justice and Sociology.' *The Sociological Review* 69, no. 1. Pp. 53-71.

White, Julie A. & Joan C. Tronto. (2004). 'Political Practices of Care: Needs and Rights', *Ratio Juris*, Vol.17, no.4. Pp. 425-453.

d. Global Care Complex

Yeates, Nicola. (2004). 'Global care chains.' *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 6, no. 3. Pp. 369-391.

Müller, Beatrice. (2019). 'The Careless Society—Dependency and Care Work in Capitalist Societies.' *Frontiers in Sociology*. Pp 1-10.

Unit III: Care: Contexts, Practices and Current Concerns

Abel, Emily K. (2000). 'Conclusion: The Uses of the Past' in *Hearts of Wisdom: American Women Caring for Kin, 1850-1940*, Cambridge & London: Harvard University Press. Pp. 251-275.

Ruby, Sophie, and Sylka Scholz. (2018). 'Care, Care Work and the Struggle for a Careful World from the Perspective of the Sociology of Masculinities.' *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 43, no. 1. Pp 73-83.

Akkan, Başak. (2020). 'An Egalitarian Politics of Care: Young Female Carers and the Intersectional Inequalities of Gender, Class and Age.' *Feminist Theory* 21. no. 1. Pp. 47-64.

Suggested Readings:

Aulenbacher, Brigitte, Helma Lutz, and Birgit Riegraf. (2018). 'Introduction: Towards a global sociology of care and care work.' *Current Sociology* 66. no. 4. Pp. 495-502.

Daly, Mary, ed. (2001). *Care work: The quest for security*. Geneva. International Labour Organization.

Duffy, Mignon, Amy Armenia, and Clare L. Stacey. (2015). *Caring on the Clock: The Complexities and Contradictions of Paid Care Work*. Rutgers University Press.

England, Paula. (2005). 'Emerging theories of care work.' *Annual Review of Sociology*. 31. Pp. 381-399.

Fine, Michael. (2005). 'Individualization, risk and the body: Sociology and care.' *Journal of Sociology* 41. no. 3. Pp. 247-266.

Folbre, Nancy, and Michael Bittman, eds. (2004). *Family Time: The Social Organization of Care*. Vol. 2. Psychology Press.

Glenn, Evelyn Nakano. (2010). *Forced to Care: Coercion and Caregiving in America*. Harvard University Press.

- Held, Virginia. (2006). *The Ethics of Care: Personal, Political, and Global*. Oxford University.
- Ilan, Susan. (2009). "Privatizing responsibility: Public sector reform under neoliberal government." *Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue canadienne de sociologie* 46, no. 3. Pp. 207-234.
- Isaksen, Lise, Uma Devi, and Arlie Hochschild. (2008). "Global Care Crisis. Mother and Child's-eye View." *SOCIOLOGIA, PROBLEMAS E PRÁTICAS*. no/56. Pp. 61-83.
- Joanna Bornat, Julia Johnson, Charmaine Pereira, David Pilgrim and Fiona Williams (eds). (1997). *Community Care: A Reader*. Macmillan in association with The Open University, Basingstoke.
- Lam, Winnie Wing Yee, Karina Nielsen, and Ciara M. Kelly. (2023). "The Experience of Working Informal Carers of Older People: A Qualitative Diary Study." *International Journal of Care and Caring*. Pp.1-16.
- Luttrell, Wendy. (2020). *Children Framing Childhoods: Working-class Kids' Visions of Care*. Policy Press.
- Lynch, Kathleen. (2007). "Love Labour as a Distinct and Non-commodifiable form of Care Labour." *The Sociological Review* 55. no. 3. Pp. 550-570.
- Weicht, Bernhard. (2008). "The Morality of Caring: The Discursive Construction of Informal Care." *Enquire* 1. no. 2. Pp. 120-143.

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