

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-05): Sociology of Intimate Life

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
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
GE 05 Sociology of Intimate Life	4	3	1	Nil	12th Pass	Nil

Course Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce students to some of the processes that shape intimate life in contemporary societies.
2. To explore the concept of intimacy and map the historical transformations this phenomenon has undergone.
3. To chart the configuration of intimacy in our times in multiple dimensions such as institutions, gender, sexuality, love and care.
4. To initiate discussion about ideals of equality and compassion in intimate relations.

Course Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:

1. *Outline* sociological conceptions of Intimacy.
2. *Describe* the historical transformation of intimate relations and their present status.
3. *Appreciate* the significance of intimate relationships in weaving and sustaining the social fabric.
4. *Apply* this understanding of the interconnections between the public and private realms into policy making.

Syllabus of GE 05:

Unit I Intimacy: An Introduction (16 Hours)

Unit II Themes in Sociology of Intimacy (44 Hours)

- a. **Institutions and Intimacies**
- b. **Gender, Sexuality and Intimacy**
- c. **Intimacy and Love**
- d. **Intimacy and Care**

e. **Intimacy and Democracy**

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I. Intimacy: An Introduction

Jamieson, Lynn. (1998). Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2. In *Intimacy: Personal Relationships in Modern Societies*. (pp. 1-42). Polity Press.

Unit II. Themes in Sociology of Intimacy

a. Institutions and Intimacies:

Coontz, Stephanie. (2013). The Radical Idea of Marrying for Love (pp. 163-173). In David M. Newman. (Ed.) *Sociology: Readings Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life*. Sage Publications.

Cherlin, Andrew J. (2004). The Deinstitutionalization of American Marriage. *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 66: 848-861.

b. Gender, Sexuality and Intimacy

Katz, Jonathan. (1990). The Invention of Heterosexuality. *Socialist Review* 20 January - March, 7-34.

Stacey, Judith. (2011). Introduction & Chapters 4. In *Unhitched: Love, Marriage, and Family Values from West Hollywood to Western China*. New York University Press.

Weston, Kath. (1998). Made to Order: Family Formation and the Rhetoric of Choice. In *Long Slow Burn: Sexuality and Social Science* (pp. 83-94). Routledge.

Raheja, Gloria Goodwin, and Ann Grodzins Gold. (1996). Sexuality, Fertility, and Erotic Imagination in Rajasthani Women's Songs. In *Listen To the Heron's Words: Reimagining Gender and Kinship in North India* (pp. 30 – 72). Oxford University Press.

c. Intimacy and Love

Beck, Ulrich and Elisabeth Beck-Gernsheim. (2010). The Normal Chaos of Love (pp. 181-188). In Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton (Ed). *Sociology: Introductory Readings*. Polity.

Hooks, bell. (2015). Living to Love. *Sisters of the Yam: Black Women and the Self-Recovery*. (pp. 97-111). Routledge.

d. Intimacy and Care

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

Hochschild, Arlie Russell. (2003). *The Commercialization of Intimate Life: Notes from Home and Work* (pp. 185-197). University of California Press.

e. Intimacy and Democracy

Jamieson, Lynn. (1998). Introduction & Chapter 6. The Couple: Intimate and Equal? In *Intimacy: Personal Relationships in Modern Societies* (pp. 136-157). Polity.

Giddens, Anthony. (1992). *The Transformation of Intimacy: Sexuality, Love and Eroticism in Modern Societies* (pp. 184-203). Polity Press.

Suggested Readings:

Beck, Ulrich and Elisabeth Beck-Gernsheim.(2010). The Normal Chaos of Love (pp. 181-188). In Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton (Ed). *Sociology: Introductory Readings*. Polity.

Goodison, Lucy.(1983). Really Being in Love Means Wanting to Live in A Different World (pp. 48-66). In Cartledge, Sue, and Joanna Ryan (ed.). *Sex & Love: New Thoughts on Old Contradictions*. Women's Press.

Chase, Susan E. & Mary F. Rogers. (2004). Mothers and Children over the life course. In *Mothers and Children: Feminist Analysis and Personal Narratives*. (pp. 203-233). Rutgers University Press.

Kimmel, Michael. et. al. (Eds.). *The Gendered Society Reader* (pp. 121-132). Oxford University Press.

Lynn Jamieson and Gabb, Jacqui. (2008). Conceptualisations of Intimacy. In *Researching Intimacy in Families* (pp. 64-96). Palgrave.

Coontz, Stephanie.(1993). *The Way We Never Were American Families and The Nostalgia Trap*. Basic Books.

Trawick, Margaret.(1996). The Ideology of Love. Notes on Love in a Tamil Family (pp. 89 – 116). Oxford University Press.

Vatuk, Sylvia. (1990). To be a Burden on Others: Dependency Anxiety among the Elderly in India (pp. 64 – 88). In Lynch, Owen M. (Ed.) *Divine Passions: The Social Construction of Emotion in India* . Oxford University Press.

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