

COURSE TITLE	SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES
COURSE CODE	10SC0703
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To understand the foundational principles, key thinkers, and evolution of major sociological theories.
- 2 To analyze the structural-functional perspective, including the contributions of Talcott Parsons and Robert K. Merton.
- 3 To examine the conflict perspective, particularly the theories of Karl Marx, Neo- Marxists, and Lewis Coser.
- 4 To explore symbolic interactionism and its key concepts, including the works of G.H. Mead, C.H. Cooley, and Erving Goffman.
- 5 To assess the exchange theory through the perspectives of George Homans and Peter Blau.
- 6 To develop critical thinking skills by applying sociological theories to contemporary social issues.

Course Outcomes: After completion of this course, student will be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a clear understanding of the meaning, development, and assumptions of functionalism and apply the AGIL scheme and pattern variables in sociological analysis.
- 2 Differentiate between the contributions of Parsons and Merton, including the concepts of manifest and latent functions, function, and dysfunction.
- 3 Critically analyse conflict theory, its core assumptions, and apply Karl Marx's theory of social change, economic determinism, and class conflict to contemporary society.
- 4 Examine Neo-Marxian perspectives and Lewis Coser's theory on the functions of conflict in social interactions.
- 5 Explain the principles of symbolic interactionism and interpret the theories of Mead (Mind, Self, and Society), Cooley (Looking-Glass Self), and Goffman's Dramaturgical Approach.
- 6 Apply exchange theory to social relationships, distinguishing between the perspectives of George Homans and Peter Blau. Evaluate real-world social structures, conflicts, and interactions through different sociological lenses.

Pre-requisite of course:None

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
3	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Functional Theories Functionalism- Meaning, Development, Basic Assumptions, Structural Functionalism of Talcott Parsons- Action system, AGIL scheme, Pattern Variables, Functionalism of Robert K Merton – Postulates, function, dysfunction, manifest and latent functions, Neo Functionalism	15
2	Conflict Theory Conflict perspective –Meaning, Major assumptions, and postulates, Karl Marx- Theory of Social Change, Economic Determinism, Class and Class Conflict,, Neo Marxian perspective, Lewis Coser- Functions of conflict.	10
3	Interactionist Theory Basic Postulates of Symbolic Interactionism, G.H. Mead- Mind, Self and Society, C.H. Cooley- Looking Glass Self., Max Weber, Erving Goffman-Dramaturgy	10
4	Exchange Theory Early Stage of theory, George Homans, Peter M Blau, Emerson	10
Total Hours		45

Suggested List of Experiments:

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Issues related to Sociological theories Issues related to sociological theories	15
Total Hours		15

Textbook :

- 1 Sociological theory (5th ed.), Ritzer, G. , Tata McGraw-Hill., 1996

References:

- 1 The structure of sociological theory (7th ed.),, The structure of sociological theory (7th ed.),, Turner, J. H., Rawat Publications., 2004
- 2 Contemporary sociological theory (5th ed.),, Contemporary sociological theory (5th ed.),, Wallace, R. A., & Wolf, A. , Prentice Hall., 1995

Suggested Theory Distribution:

The suggested theory distribution as per Bloom's taxonomy is as follows. This distribution serves as guidelines for teachers and students to achieve effective teaching-learning process

Distribution of Theory for course delivery

Remember / Knowledge	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Higher order Thinking / Creative
10.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00