

COURSE TITLE	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE
COURSE CODE	10SC0803
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To introduce students to the fundamental concepts and scope of the Sociology of Health.
- 2 To explore the social determinants of health and their impact on well-being.
- 3 To examine various sociological perspectives on health, illness, and healthcare systems.
- 4 To provide an understanding of key health programs and policies in India.
- 5 To analyze government-led health sector reforms and their implications on healthcare accessibility and equity.
- 6 To encourage critical thinking on the role of social structures in shaping health outcomes.

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

- 1 Define and explain key concepts in the Sociology of Health.
- 2 Identify and assess the emergence and scope of health sociology as a discipline.
- 3 Analyze the role of social determinants in influencing health disparities.
- 4 Apply sociological theories (Functionalist, Marxist, Post- structuralist, Feminist) to understand health and illness.
- 5 Evaluate major health programs in India, such as PMSSY, JSY, National Urban Health Mission, and the National AIDS Control Programme.
- 6 Critically assess health policies and reforms introduced by the Government of India.

Pre-requisite of course: Basic Concepts, Indian Society & Social Change, Social Institutions & Social Processes.

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	Sociology of Health Meaning & Scope of Sociology of Health, Emergence of Health Sociology, Conceptualising Disease, Sickness and Illness., Social Determinants of Health, Health and Culture	10
2	Sociological Perspectives of Health Functionalist, Marxist, Feminist, Interactionist (Labelling, Stigma), Health & Power discourse	15

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
3	Health Programs in India Health Behaviours, Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), Maternal and Child Health, National Urban Health Mission, Communicable Diseases	10
4	Health Sector Reforms of the Government of India Health Policies of the Government of India, Government Mechanisms for Health Service Delivery: ICDS & NDHM, Protective, Preventive & Promotive & measures (modern & indigenous), State-wise Variations in Health	10
Total Hours		45

Textbook :

- 1 Medical Power and Social Knowledge., Turner, Bryan, S., Sage., 1995

References:

- 1 An introduction to the sociology of health and illness., An introduction to the sociology of health and illness., White, K., Sage, 2016
- 2 Sociology of health and medicine: New perspectives., Sociology of health and medicine: New perspectives., Sujatha, V., Oxford University Press., 2014

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