

COURSE TITLE	SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
COURSE CODE	10SC0804
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To explain the fundamental concepts of Sociology of Law, its scope, and its interdependence with Sociology.
- 2 To analyze major sociological theories of law proposed by Weber, Durkheim, Marx, Maine, and Foucault.
- 3 To evaluate the functions of law in society, including its role in social control, socialization, and social change in India.
- 4 To critically examine contemporary socio-legal issues such as decriminalization of homosexuality, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, and privacy rights.
- 5 To apply sociological perspectives to assess the impact of legal frameworks on social order and justice.

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

- 1 Gain foundational knowledge of sociology and law, understanding their interconnections in shaping society.
- 2 Develop the ability to critically analyze legal institutions and their socio-cultural implications.
- 3 Apply theoretical frameworks to assess and propose solutions for contemporary socio-legal challenges.
- 4 Enhance written and verbal communication skills by engaging in discussions on legal and sociological perspectives.
- 5 Understand legal ethics, human rights, and the role of law in promoting social justice and equality.
- 6 Examine legal issues within the Indian context while considering global socio-legal trends and human rights discourse.

Pre-requisite of course: Basic Sociological Concepts, Classical Sociological Thinkers, Social Issues.

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	Introduction Sociology of law, Scope of Sociology of Law, Relationship between Law and Sociology, Subject Matter and Interdependence, Sociology of Deviant Behaviour.	10
2	Theoretical perspective Max Weber: Law & Capitalism, Rationalisation of Law, Emile Durkheim: Repressive & Restitutive Law, Karl Marx: Theory of Law & State, Sir Henry Maine: Stages of Growth of Law, Michel Foucault: Law, Power & Knowledge, Labelling Theory of Howard Becker.	15
3	Functions of Law in Society Law as an Agency of Social Control, Law as Socialisation Agency, Law and Social Change in India, Law and Social Order, Law as a Tool of Social Engineering	10
4	Contemporary Socio-Legal Issues Decriminalization of Homosexuality: Socio-Legal Dimensions, Drug Abuse: Factors, Implications, and Legal Interventions, Juvenile Delinquency: Factors and Implications, Socio-Legal Issues of Privacy and Surveillance, Digitalisation and Changing Criminal Behaviours.	10
Total Hours		45

Textbook :

- 1 Towards Sociology of Law,, Baxi, U, New Delhi: Satwahain Publication, 2009
- 2 Sociology of Law,, Oommen, T.K and Venugopal, C.N, Eastern Book., 1993

References:

- 1 Lloyd's Introduction to Jurisprudence.7th ed., Lloyd's Introduction to Jurisprudence.7th ed., Freeman. M.D.A., London: Sweet and Maxwell., 2001
- 2 Sociological Perspectives on Law., Sociological Perspectives on Law., Cotterrell, R., Aldershot: Ashgate., 2001

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