

Syllabus template

Semester: III				
Programme : Sociology				
Course : Social Institutions I				
Paper code: B2SO230311T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week : 4				
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC : Minor				
Theory / Practical / Composite : Theory				
No of Modules : 2				
<p>Course Overview: The course intends to combine perspectives from anthropology and sociology to understand the institutions of Kinship, marriage, family and religion. It seeks to understand the theoretical and contemporary approaches to the study of these social institutions and their changing forms and patterns.</p>				
Course Outcome:				
1. Recognize the theoretical approaches to the anthropological and sociological study of Kinship, Marriage, Family and Religion				
2. Interpret the typologies associated with these social institutions				
3. Demonstrate feminist and other critique of the institution of Kinship, marriage and family				
4. Analyze the changing forms and patterns of these institutions of Kinship, Family, Marriage and Religion.				
5. Argue for understanding the alternative forms of kinship, marriage and family				
6. Develop a critical understanding of secularism and religion through the secularization thesis				
Prerequisites: <i>Basic knowledge about any prior course</i>				
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UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	<p>1. Marriage : Typologies; Proscriptions, Prescriptions and exchange; Feminist Critique; Contemporary trends</p> <p>2. Family: Typologies and Theories; Changes in family form.</p>	2 hours/week	<p>CO1</p> <p>CO2</p> <p>CO3</p> <p>CO4</p> <p>CO5</p> <p>CO6</p>	<p>K1</p> <p>K2</p> <p>K3</p> <p>K4</p> <p>K5</p> <p>K6</p>
II.	3. Kinship : Rules of Descent; Kinship theories; New Forms of Kinship and reproductive technologies.	2 hours/week	<p>CO1</p> <p>CO2</p> <p>CO3</p>	<p>K1</p> <p>K2</p> <p>K3</p>

	4. Religion : Classical Theories of religion; Secularization thesis; Religious rituals.		CO4 CO5 CO6	K4 K5 K6
Text Books				
1. Beattie, Joanne. 1999. Other Cultures: Aims, Methods and Achievements in Social Anthropology. London: Routledge.				
2. Ember, Peter & Ember, Carol. 2007. 'Marriage and the Family', 'Marital Residence and Kinship' Anthropology 12th Edition. Pearson. Pp- 343-370				
3. Bilton, Tony et al. 1997. Introducing Sociology. New York: Palgrave pp-479-525				
4. Weston, K. (1998). Families we choose. Social Perspectives in Lesbian and Gay Studies: A Reader, 390-411.				
5. Reddy, G. (2010). ' "Our People": Kinship, Marriage, and the Family', In <i>With respect to sex: Negotiating hijra identity in South India</i> . University of Chicago Press: Chicago				
6. Chowkhani, K., & Wynne, C. (Eds.). (2023). Singular selves: An introduction to singles studies. Taylor & Francis.				
7. Haralambos, M., & Heald, R. M. (2009). Sociology, themes and perspectives. Oxford University Press: Oxford				
8. Bhargava, R. (1998). Secularism and its Critics. Oxford University Press: Oxford				
Suggested readings				
1. Carsten, J. (2004). After kinship. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.				
2. Pande, A. (2014). Wombs in labor: Transnational commercial surrogacy in India. Columbia University Press.				
3. Giddens, Anthony. 2009. Introducing Sociology: 6th Edition. Cambridge: Polity Press				
Web Resources				
1. Carsten, Janet. 'Kinship' in Britannica Online Encyclopedia, http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/318871/kinship				
Evaluation: Theory CIA: 30 Semester Exam: 70				
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module :				
Total Marks – 70 Modules -2 (35 marks each) Module A 1 long question out of 2:1X15=15 2 short questions out of 4: 2X10=20				

Module B**1 long question out of 2: 1X15=15****2 short questions out of 4: 2X10=20****Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping**

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Recognize the theoretical approaches to the anthropological and sociological study of Kinship, Marriage, Family and Religion	K1
CO2	Interpret the typologies associated with these social institutions	K2
CO3	Demonstrate feminist and other critique of the institution of Kinship, marriage and family	K3
CO4	Analyze the changing forms and patterns of these institutions of Kinship, Family, Marriage and Religion.	K4
CO5	Argue for understanding the alternative forms of kinship, marriage and family	K5
CO6	Develop a critical understanding of secularism and religion through the secularization thesis	K6