

Semester: 2				
Programme : Sociology				
Course : Sociological Theory				
Paper code: C1BG230231T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week : 4				
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC : Core				
Theory / Practical / Composite : Theory				
No of Modules : 2				
Course Overview:				
<p>The course introduces the students to the classical sociological thinkers, whose work has shaped the discipline of sociology. It familiarizes them with the basic ideas and concepts on which the edifice of sociology is built. It highlights the important conceptual, theoretical and methodological contributions of August Comte, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber. This course poses society as an entity that may be theorised and studied. This will enable the student to understand that what they might study objectively is not given and that their initiatives may introduce changes in it. The functions that society performs and how social solidarity may be achieved through interventions will be understood. Lastly, the course is going to focus on the understanding that critical thought and persistent struggles may bring about historical changes in repressive situations.</p>				
Course Outcome:				
1.Recall and describe the historical context that led to the emergence of Sociology as an academic discipline.				
2.Explain and summarize the major concepts and perspectives developed by classical sociological thinkers.				
3.Apply sociological theories to interpret social phenomena such as class, religion, and community in contemporary contexts.				
4.Analyse the interrelationship between macro social structures and capitalism using classical sociological frameworks.				
5.Evaluate the relevance of classical sociological concepts in understanding present-day social structures and inequalities.				
6.Formulate independent sociological interpretations or arguments using insights from classical theorists.				
Prerequisites:				
SYLLABUS				
UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL

I.	<p>Module 1</p> <p>1. Auguste Comte</p> <p>1.1 Law of Three Stages</p> <p>1.2. Hierarchy of Sciences</p> <p>Social Statics and Dynamics</p> <p>2. Emile Durkheim</p> <p>2.1 Social Fact</p> <p>2.2 Forms of Solidarity</p> <p>2.3 Sacred and Profane</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.	<p>Module 2</p> <p>3. Karl Marx</p> <p>3.1 Materialist</p> <p>3.2 Conception of History</p> <p>3.3 Class and Class Struggle</p> <p>3.4 Alienation</p> <p>4. Max Weber</p> <p>4.1 Social Action</p> <p>4.2 Ideal Types</p> <p>4.3 Forms of Solidarity</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>
Text Books				
1. Coser, L.A., 2012. Masters of sociological thought. Rawat Publications				

2. Ritzer, G. and Stepnisky, J., 2017. <i>Sociological theory</i> . Sage publications.
3. Bottomore, T., 2001. <i>A Dictionary of Marxist Thought</i> , Wiltshire.
Suggested readings
1. Appelrouth, S., & Edles, L. D. (2020). <i>Classical and contemporary sociological theory: Text and readings</i> . Sage Publications.
Web Resources
1. Swayam Online Course titled 'Introducing Sociology 1': Lectures 7 to 9 https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec21_hs40/preview
Evaluation: CIA: 20 Semester Exam: 80
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module : Total Marks – 70 Modules -2 (35 marks each) 1. Module A 1 long question out of 2:1X15=15 2 short questions out of 4: 2X10=20 2. 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	Recall and describe the historical context that led to the emergence of Sociology as an academic discipline.	K1
CO2	Explain and summarize the major concepts and perspectives developed by classical sociological thinkers.	K2
CO3	Apply sociological theories to interpret social phenomena such as class, religion, and community in contemporary contexts.	K3
CO4	Analyse the interrelationship between macro social structures and capitalism using classical sociological frameworks.	K4
CO5	Evaluate the relevance of classical sociological concepts in understanding present-day social structures and inequalities.	K5
CO6	Formulate independent sociological interpretations or arguments using insights from classical theorists.	K6