Syllabus
Department of Sociology

Four Year B.S.S Honours Course
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Subject: Sociology
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Year-wise Courses and Marks Distribution

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Detailed Syllabus

First Year

Course Code ..........: Introductory Sociology   Marks 100, 4 Credits


2. **Methods & Measures in Sociology**: Scientific method, experiment, survey, participant observation, participatory techniques & historical sociology.

3. **Culture, Beliefs & Values**: Norms, sanctions, symbols, language, subculture, counter-culture, hegemony & resistance

4. **Social Interaction & Social Structure**: Socialization: Agencies of socialization, socialization & life cycle. Social interaction, exchange, status, role, group, types of group

5. **Social institutions**: Definition, nature & role of institutions, Family & Marriage, economic institution, political institutions, education, bureaucracy, property.


7. **Deviance & Social Control**: Definition of deviance, theories of deviance. Crime & justice system, agencies of social control

9. **Different types of societies:** Hunting & gathering societies, horticultural societies, agrarian societies & industrial societies, primitive communism, slavery, feudalism, capitalism, socialism & communism.

10. **Social Change:** Factors of social change, theories of social change: functionalism, conflict, modernization, dependency, world system & globalization

References:

- R. T. Schaefer (2009) *Sociology*
- Giddens *Sociology*
- Smelser *Sociology*
- Stewart & Glynn *Introduction to Sociology*
- David Jary and Julia Jary *Collins Dictionary of Sociology*

**Course Code ..........: Social History & World Civilization   Marks 100, 4 Credits**

1. Definition, scope and recent trends in social history. Relations with history and historical sociology.

2. Culture of Prehistoric Age (Stone Age): (a) The Eolithic Age: (b) The Neolithic Age.

3. Types of societies:
   - Marxist view—classifying societies on the basis of type of control over economic resources.
   - Lenski’s view—classifying societies by their main means of subsistence.


6. Rise and fall of Greek and Roman civilizations.

7. Political and Social Structure of Feudalism in the middle Ages: The Manorial System, Cities in the Middle Ages, Economy, Conflict between the Pope and the Emperor; Education, Origin and Growth of the Universities, Philosophy.

8. Advent of capitalism and industrial society: Historical forces relating to the Growth of capitalism; Capitalism and rapid social change; Capitalism, gender relations and inequality.

**Books Recommended:**

2. Gordon Childe, *What Happened in History*
3. James Edgar Swain, *A History of World Civilization*
4. Clive Bell, *Civilization*
6. T. W. Wallbank and M. A. Taylor, *Civilization, Past and present*. (vol.1)
7. Thompson, *History of the Middle Ages*. (Vols. 2)
8. Adams, *Civilization during the Middle Ages*
9. Thompson & Jonnson, *Introduction to the Middle Ages*
10. Oman, *The Dark Age*
11. Tout, *The Empire and the Papacy*
12. Lodge, *Close of the Middle Ages*

**Course Code ..........: Political Sociology   Marks 100, 4 Credits**

1.0 **Definition, nature, scope & importance of Political Sociology**
   - Its relationship with other branches of social sciences
   - Approaches to sociological analysis of political issues

2.0 **Major Concepts of Political Sociology**
   - Political Culture, political socialization, political communication
   - Political polarization, political modernization, political mobility & political development
   - Political movement, political ideology, political behaviour

3.0 **Theories regarding the origin of state**
   - Anthropological theories: Morgan, Lowie, Maine
   - Development of sociological theories of the state: Engels
   - Pluralistic theory of the state

4.0 **Relations of the state with other Institutions & organization**
   - State & family
   - State & property
   - State & law
   - State & religion
   - State & education
   - State & government

5.0 **Sociology of the Modern State**
   - Representation & electoral system, political parties & social classes
   - Political parties & pressure groups
   - Leadership & Elites: Civil, Military & party bureaucracy

6.0 **Sociology of Movements**: Conservatism, Liberalism, Fascism, Populism, Socialism & Communism

7.0 **Gender, Race & the State**
• Gender politics in developing societies
• State’s policy on minority, gender and development

8.0 Class, Power and the State
• Relationship between class and state
• Nexus of class, power and state

9.0 Civil Society, Power and the State
• Civil society’s influence over power
• Nature of civil society in developing societies

10.0 Democracy and State
• Nature of democracy in developing societies
• Challenges to democracy in developing societies

References:
Bottomore Political Sociology
Jangam Political Sociology
Rangalal Sen Political Elites in Bangladesh
Sharma & Ashraf Political Sociology

Course Code ..........: Social Problems   Marks 100, 4 Credits

1.0 The sociology of social problems
• Nature of social problems
• Sociological approaches
• Theoretical perspective on social problems
• Research on social problems in developing countries

2.0 Population and environment
• Nature and the scope of the problem
• Population growth in developing countries
• Malthusian trap

3.0 Urbanization
• Definition of urbanization and urbanism
• Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation
• Nexus among over urbanization, growth of slum & poverty

4.0 Culture in the age of globalization
• Diffusion of culture & cultural globalization
• Impact of cultural imperialism in developing countries
• Threat and challenges to indigenous and local culture in developing countries
5.0 Social Inequality

- Nature & scope of the problem
- Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group, lower class & economic vulnerability
- Social inequalities in developed & developing countries

6.0 Health and Illness

- Nature & scope of the problem
- Urbanizations, acute, chronic & life style diseases
- Social, environmental & behavioural factors affecting health
- Communicable & behavioural diseases: STD, HIV/AIDS, TB, Hep-B etc

7.0 Institutional Problems

- The Educational System
- The Workplace
- The Family
- The Health Care System.

8.0 Crime, Delinquency and Deviance

- Drugs, alcoholism and crime
- Peer group pressure, deviance and crime

9.0 Prostitution, Pornography & the Sex Trade

- Sex trade and collapse of social control and morality
- Prostitution, pornography, social stigma and discrimination

10.0 Natural Disaster and Environmental Problems

- Climatic variability and its impact on society
- Natural disaster and social crisis in developing societies

References:

Mecheal Mckee & Lan Robertson, 1980. Social Problems