



Master of Arts
M.A. in Sociology Semester I

Course Code	PA01CSOC51	Title of the Course	Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology
Total Credits of the Course	05	Hours per Week	05

Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To acquaint students with the Concepts of theories and relationship between theory and research.2. To acquaint students with the Sociological theories and to orient them towards the theory.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage* (%)
1.	Nature of Sociological Theory, Construction of Sociological theory, Functions of Sociological Theory.	20
2.	Functionalism -Intellectual roots of Functionalism - Emile Durkhim - Talcot Parsons ✓ Action system, AGIL Model ✓ Sub Structure System, Pattern Variables ✓ Robert K. Merton Postulates ✓ Latent Manifest Function ✓ Functional Analysis of Political Machine	20
3.	Conflict Theory - Intellectual roots of conflict theory - Karl Marx's views on conflict theory - Ralf Daherndorf's views on conflict theory - Louies Cozer's views on conflict theory	20
4.	Social Exchange Theory - Intellectual roots of Social Exchange Theory - George C. Homan's views on Social Exchange Theory - Peter M. Blau's views on Exchange Theory	20
5	Symbolic Interactionism	20





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intellectual roots of symbolic Interactionalism - Charles H. Cooley's views on symbolic Interactionalism - George H. Meadis views on symbolic Interactionalism -Herbert Blumer's views on symbolic Interactionalism 	
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Teaching-Learning Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To deliver lecture on the topic - Discussion on the topic - Indicate the present and future importance of the topic - To give synopsis of the topic - To give list of the reference book - To assign research project related to the subject - To assign assignment and tutorial to the student. - Special discussion and additional classes are requested topic by student and additional lecture will be taken in needed. - Students will be guide for research for research project - Audio-video will be used. - Remedial class will be taken
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Examination	70%

Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to	
1.	Students will be able to understand perspectives of Sociological Theories.
2.	Students will be able to describe structured functionalism and the contribution made by Durkheim, Robert Merton and Tallcot Parsons.
3.	Students will be able to understand Marxism and neo-marxism and major theories associated with these perspectives.
4.	Students will be able to understand symbolic interactionism and identify





major theories associated with these perspectives.

Suggested References:

Sr. No.	References
1.	Abraham Francis and John Harry Morgan: Modern Sociological Thoughts: From Comte to Sorokin, Mcmillan Indian Ltd. Delhi 1985.
2.	Alexander, Jeffery C. 1987. Twenty lectures: Sociological theory since world war II. New York: Columbia University Press.
3.	Collions, Randall. 1997 (Indian Edition), Sociological Theory Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat
4.	Closer Lewis A: Masters of Sociological Thought Harcourt Base New York 1977.
5.	Craib, Ian. 1992 Modern Social Theory: From Parsons to Mabermaass (2 nd Edition). London: Harvester Press.
6.	Giddens Anthony: Capitalism and Modern Social Theory – An Analysis of Writing of Marx Durkheimme and Weber Cambridge Uneversity Press 1997.
7.	Giddens, Anthony.1983. Central Problems in Social theory: Action, structure and contradiction in social analysis. London: Macmillian
8.	Kuper, Adam and Jessica Kuper (eds). 1996 (2 nd Edition). The social science encyclopedia. London and New York: Routledge.
9.	Kuper, Adam 1975, Anthropologists and anthropology: The British School, 1922-72. Harmonds worth, Middlesex: Penguin Books.
10.	Morrison Ken Marx, Durkheim and Weber – Formation of Modern Social Thought Sage New Delhi 1995.
11.	Ritzer, George. (1992) (3 rd Edition). Sociological Theory. New York: McGraw-Hill.
12.	Ruth A Wallance and Alison Wolf, Contemporary Sociological Theory. Prentice hall inc. Englewood cliffs, NJO7682, 1980.
13.	Sturrock. John (ed.) 1979. Structuralism and since: From Levi Strauss to Derida. Oxford: Oxford University Press.





14.	Turner Jonatham H. 1995 The structure of sociological theory, Rawat Publication, Jaipur and New Delhi
15.	Turner, Jonatham H. 1995 (4 th Edition). The structure of sociological theory, Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat
16.	Zeitlin, Irving M. 1998 (Indian Edition). Rethinking sociology: A critique of contemporary theory. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.
17.	Dr. Y. Parmar, Sociological theories, Granth Nirman Board, Ahmedabad. (Guj.)
18.	Dr. Y. Parmar, Lefttist thinkers of 20 th century, Popular Prakashan, Surat. (Guj.)

On-line resources to be used if available as reference material

1. Courses.lumenlearning.com
2. Openstax.org>book
3. Libguides.hmboldt.edo.soc
4. www.sdbor.edu >document
5. Libguides.roanoke.edu>socialtheory

