



Master of Arts
M.A. in Sociology Semester II

Course Code	PA02ESOC55	Title of the Course	Sociology of Religion
Total Credits of the Course	05	Hours per Week	05

Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To orient the student to understand the Sociological interpretations of religion.2. To acquaint the student with the thought of Durkheim and Marx's on religion.3. To awaken student from various religious prevalent in India.4. To acquaint student with different beliefs of different religious.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage* (%)
1.	Introduction: The scope of Sociology of religion.	20
2.	Conceptual clarifications Belief systems, magic and religion – Elements of religious experience – Typology of religions.	20
3.	Sociological interpretations of religion Durkheim and Sociological functionalism – Weber and Phenomenology – Marx and Dialectical materialism – Levi-Strauss and structuralism.	20
4.	Religions of India: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism A social historical perspective – Demographic profile Contemporary trends.	20
5	Aspects of religion in India Sacred Knowledge – Sacred Space – Sacred Time – Sacred Persona Contestation over religion in India Fundamentalism – Communalism – Secularism Proselytism Social change and religion Socio-religion movements – Popular religion and emerging cults.	20





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 subject.- Special discussion and additional classes are requested topic by Student and additional lecture will be taken if needed.- Students will be guided for research Project.- Audio / Video Lectures 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.	Student will be able to understand the Sociological interpretations of religion.
2.	Student will be aware of the thought of Durkheim and Marxist on religion.
3.	Student will be able to understand the various religious prevalent in India and different beliefs of different religious.





Suggested References:

Sr. No.	References
1.	Baird Robert D. (Ed.) 1995 (3 rd Edition): Religion in modern India. Delhi, Manohar.
2.	Jones Kenneth W. 1989: Socio-religious reform movements in British India (The New Cambridge History of India III-1). Hyderabad, Orient Longman, Sociology 90.
3.	Madan T.N (Ed.) 1992 (enlarged edition): Religion in India. New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
4.	Muzumdar H.T. 1986: India's religious Heritage. New Delhi, Allied.
5.	Roberts Keith A 1984: Religion in Sociological perspective. New York, Dorsey Press.
6.	Shakir Moin (Ed.) 1989: Religion, State and Politics in India. Delhi, Ajanta Publications.
7.	Turner Bryan S. 1991 (2 nd Edition): Religion and Social Theory. London, Sage Publications.

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

On-line Resources for Sociology of Religion

www.cliffsnotes.com>sociology

www.sciencedirect.com>topics.so

www.newworldencyclopedia.org

www.jstor.org>journal.socirel

