The Basic Grammar of Everyday Life:
- Interaction Verbal and Non Verbal,
- Role, Status,
- Community, Association,
- Socialization
- Reproduction of Social Inequalities.

Theoretical Approaches to Studying Everyday
- Dramaturgy
- Ethnomethodology and Phenomenology
- Critical Theory

Everyday as Processes of Negotiation
- Structure and Agency
- Self and the Social
- Everyday and Narratives

Everyday Friendships
- Classed and Gendered Friendships
- Habitus and Friendship
Basic Readings


Further References would be given.
Genealogies of the Social

- **Enlightenment and ‘society’**
  Shift from theocentrism to anthropocentrism in eighteenth-century Europe—beginnings of the scientific temper—epistemological reordering of the world—the twin axes of empiricism and rationalism—emergence of the category of ‘society’ and the ideas of self-love and self-interest—theories of human nature and foundations of society—Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Mandeville, Montesquieu—the social context of the salons—relation between aristocracy, church and the world of the philosophes

- **The Age of Revolutions**
  The three revolutions—French, American, and Industrial—debates over the transition from Enlightenment to Revolution—Darnton and the diffusion of ideas thesis—theories of development of society—theories of the development of a ‘science of society’—political economy in Britain—Malthus, Smith and Ricardo—Utilitarianism and Bentham—Tocqueville and the idea of ‘democracy’—Romanticism and the critique of Industrial modernity—Durkheim, Comte and the emergence of ‘sociology’

- **Imperialism and the ‘social’**
  Brief historical outline of the encounter between the Europeans and the rest of the world—the ‘west’ and the ‘east’ as mutually constitutive historical constructs—imperialism, power and difference—production of the ‘social’ by processes of imperialism in different parts of the world—liberal ideologies and imperialism informed by similar visions of ‘society’

- **Ideas of ‘society’ in non-European spaces**
  Ibn Khaldun’s ideas of ‘science’ and ‘society’—emergence of the category of ‘society’ in Africa, Latin America and China—brief discussions—the formulation of indigeneity and tradition in the colonial societies of South Asia—religion, reform, and the middle classes
Basic Readings:

2. Lynn Hunt et al. The Making of the West (3rd Ed.). Chapter 18: The Promise of Enlightenment
**Semester 2**

**Sociological Theory 1: Classical Sociological Thought**

**SOCL: 0201**

- Karl Marx: Historical Materialism, Dialectical Materialism, Class and Class Struggle.
- Emile Durkheim: The Rules of Sociological Method, Division of Labour, Suicide
- Georg Simmel: Formal Sociology, Money, Culture
- Max Weber: Verstehen, Protestant Ethics and Spirit of Capitalism, Bureaucracy

**Basic Readings:**

Semester 2

Sociological Theory 2: Structuralism and Functionalism

SOCL: 0202

- Structuralism – locating the theoretical paradigm (the discussion would throw light on how structuralism developed as a distinct theoretical model)
- Understanding structuralism through the works of Claude Levi Strauss,
- Functionalism – locating the theoretical paradigm
- Understanding functionalism through the works of Radcliff Brown

Basic Readings


Semester -3

SOC: 0301

Critical School of Sociology

- Critical Theory Before and After the Frankfurt School
- Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer
- Walter Benjamin
- Herbert Marcuse

Basic Readings


Semester 3
SOCL : 0302

Structuralism and after: Discourse, Embodiment & Affect

- Discursive practice
- Social construction of the body and emotions
- Phenomenology and the body
- The affective turn

Basic Readings


Schepers-Hughes, N. and M. M. Lock. 1987. The Mindful Body: A Prolegomenon to Future Work in Medical Anthropology. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 1/1, 6-41
**Semester 3**

**SOCL 0303**

**Gender and Society: Concepts and Theories**

- Social Construction of Gender: Biology, Sex, Culture, Gender, Socialization, Masculinity, and Femininity
- Theorising Gender and Sexuality: Feminisms and Beyond
- Gender, Sexuality, Institutions and Power Relations: Classed, Raced, Gendered and Sexualised Embodiments and Imaginings.
- Feminist Methods & Methodologies in Researching Gender: Critiquing Main Stream, Male – Stream Sociological Method & Methodologies

**Basic Reading**

Semester 4

SOCL: 0401

Society in India: the long 19th century

- Liberalism, religion, and society
- Agrarian formations
- The ethnographic state
- (colonial) modernity: a theoretical afterword

Basic Readings:

Bernard Cohn, Colonialism and its forms of knowledge, Princeton University Press, 1996

Dipesh Chakrabarti, Provincialising Europe: postcolonial thought and historical difference, Princeton University Press, 2000

Eric Stokes, The English Utilitarians and India, OUP, Delhi, 1989

Karuna Mantena, Alibis of Empire: Henry Maine and the ends of liberal imperialism, Permanent Black, 2010


Prathama Banerjee, Politics of time: ‘primitives’ and history-writing in a colonial society, OUP, New Delhi, 2006

R. Meek, Social Science and the ignoble savage, CUP, Cambridge, 1976

R. Ray & V.C. Joshi (eds.), Rammohun Roy and the process of modernization in India, Vikas, New Delhi, 1975

Uday S. Mehta, Liberalism and empire, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1999
Semester 4

Quantitative Research Methods

SOCL : 0402

- Competing Epistemologies: Positivism, Constructionism, Critical Turn
- Introduction to Statistics: Basic concepts, terminologies, types (descriptive and inferential); Measurement; Place of Statistics in Social Research.
- Computation techniques: Sampling, Frequency Distribution, Central Tendency, concept of Skewness and Dispersion, Graphical Techniques
- Statistics and Politics: Politicization of data, authenticity of Research Findings and the Question of Ethics.

Basic Readings:


Vaus, D. A De, (1985), Surveys in Social Research, Australia, Allen & Unwin

Hacking, Ian (1990), The Taming of Chance, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Guha, Sumit (1992), Growth, Stagnation or Decline? Agricultural Production on British India, Delhi, Oxford University Press.


Bryman, Alan (2008), Social Research Methods, New York, Oxford University Press.
Semester 4

Qualitative Research Methods (UG)

SOCL: 0403

- An Introduction to Qualitative Research: Basic Concepts, terminologies, comparison and Contrast between Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods.
- Methods of Qualitative Research: Field Research, Ethnography, Phenomenology
- Tools and Techniques of Social Research: Questionnaire and Interview.
- Contesting issues in Qualitative Research: Value and Ethics; Problems of Biasness.

**Basic Readings:**

Babbie Earl (1979), The Practice of Social Research, USA, Wadsworth Clengage Learning.


Neuman, Lawrence (2006), Basics of Social Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, USA, Allyn and Bacon.

Semester 5
SOCL: 0501

Society in India 2: Institutionalization of Sociology

- Events and processes in the nationalist milieu
- Imagining India: D.P. Mukherjee, B. Sarkar, R.K. Mukherjee, N.K. Bose
- Defining India: G.S. Ghurye, L. Dumont, R. Redfield, M.N. Srinivas

Basic Readings:

L. Dube, ‘Woman’s worlds: Three encounters’ in A. Beteille & T.N. Madan (eds.), Encounter & Experience: Personal accounts of fieldwork, Delhi, Vikas, 1975

L. Dumont & D. Pocock, ‘For a sociology of India’, Contributions to Indian Sociology, 1957, 1


M.N. Srinivas, ‘The Indian village: myth and reality’ in The Dominant Caste & other essays, OUP, Delhi, 1994

N. Dirks, Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the making of modern India, Princeton University Press, 2001

N.K. Bose, The Structure of Hindu Society, 1976 (1949), New Delhi, Sangam Books


S. Patel, Doing Sociology in India: Locations, Genealogies & Practices, OUP, Delhi, 2011


Veena Das (ed.) The Oxford India companion to sociology and social anthropology (2 vols.), New Delhi, OUP, 2003
Semester 5
SOCL:0502
Social Stratification

- Approaches to the Study of Social Stratification: Theories, Concepts.
- Caste: Features, Varna, Mobility.
- Class, Status, Power: Contemporary Representations.
- Race, Ethnicity, Tribe: Questions of Minority, Prejudice, Antagonism, Discrimination.

Basic Readings:


Gupta, Dipankar, ed (1991), Social Stratification, New Delhi: OUP.


Sharma, K.L ( ) Social Stratification and Mobility


Semester 5

SOCL: 0503

Popular Culture

- Introduction to Popular Culture: What is Popular Culture?
- Theorising Popular Culture
- The Production of Popular Culture: The Media, News, Sports, Mass Marketing, Infotainment, Street Literature
- The Consumption of Popular Culture: Seeing vs. Looking, Global consumerism, Entertainment as Art and Commerce, Social media and social change

Basic Readings:

Semester 6

SOCL: 0601

Society in India: Nehru and after

- Planning and development
- Changing equations of the land question
- Identities and inequalities
- Reform and religion

Basic Readings

Aijaz Ahmad, On Communalism and globalization: offensives of the far right, Three Essays Collective, 2004


C. Jaffrelot, India’s silent revolution: the rise of the lower castes in North India, Hurst, 2003

J. Parry, J. Breman, & K. Kapadia (eds.), The worlds of Indian industrial labor, Sage, 2000

M. Chaudhuri, Feminism in India, Zed, 2005

Rowena Robinson (ed.), Sociology of religion in India, Sage, 2004


Sanjib Baruah, Durable disorder: understanding the politics of north-east India, OUP, 2007

Sukhamoy Chakravarty, Development planning: the Indian experience, OUP, New Delhi, 1993

Vivek Chibber, Locked in place: state building and late industrialization in India, Princeton University Press, 2003
Semester 6

SOCL: 0602

Social Movements

1. Issues and Theoretical Framework in the Analysis of Social Movements:
   - Categorization, Theorization, Conceptual Overlaps.


Basic Readings


Semester 6

SOCL: 0603

Sociology of Urban Spaces

- The City In Classical Sociological Theory
- Critical geography and city space
- Cross cultural perspectives
- Urban spaces in India

Basic Readings

Gen Ed Sociology

Semester : 1

Why Study Society?

- Nature and Nurture
- Social Stratification
- Sociological Imagination
- Structure and Agency

Basic Readings:


Gen Ed Courses

Semester 2

Love

- Love: An Unromantic Discussion
- Romantic Love: Interrogating the Popular
- Transcendental and Transgressive Love in South Asian Religiosities
- Feminist critiques, feminist futures

Basic Readings:


Semester 3

Mechanics of the Mind

- Philosophy of mind: the problematic of consciousness
- What is cognitive science?
- Cognitive Anthropology
- Language, Subjectivity and Critique

Basic Readings:


Semester 4

Laboratory Life

- The historical/anthropological laboratory: Field/Archives
- The laboratory in the biological sciences: Species
- The economic laboratory: Market
- The mathematical laboratory: Numbers

Basic Readings:


