



**SOMAIYA
VIDYAVIHAR**

K J Somaiya College of Arts & Commerce



**K. J. SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
COMMERCE
VIDYAVIHAR, MUMBAI-77
(Autonomous)**

Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade and CGPA: 3.33

College with Potential for Excellence by UGC

(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

**SYLLABUS
AND
SCHEME OF EXAMINATION**

PROGRAM: B.A. (Third Year)

SUBJECT: SOCIOLOGY

SEM – V

COURSE TITLE – SOCIAL THEORY (PAPER IV)

As per
CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM
(75-25 Marks Pattern)
(With effect from the Academic Year: 2021-2022)

Preamble: The courses offered at the third year introduce the students to the theoretical perspectives in sociology. The course encourages the students to use sociological imagination to view day to day life. The research component in every course acquaints the learner with basic research skills, and critical analytical tools. Through the use of innovative methods of teaching, dissemination of information is made interesting and effective. The student is encouraged to look beyond the classroom and gain immersive and experiential learning opportunities through ‘live’ projects.

- 1) Name of the Programme : Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- 2) Course title : SOCIAL THEORY
- 3) Course Code : UASOC C501
- 4) No. of Credits : 04
- 5) Total lectures : 60
- 6) No. of lectures per week : 04

Objectives:

- To provide the students of Sociology with the understanding of Sociological Theory.
- To train students in the application of these theories to social situations.

Course Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students would be able to:

- (CO1)- Explain the historical background of emergence of sociological theories
- (CO 2)- Understand the differences and similarities relating to varied theoretical approaches
- (CO3)- Justify a specific framework to explain the social world around us
- (CO4)- Ask questions about the nature of social order and kinds of processes that influence social change

MODULE I FUNCTIONALISM 20 Lectures

Classical functionalism of Durkheim

- Theory of Suicide
- Division of Labour

Analytical functionalism of Parsons

- Voluntaristic theory of action (Actor/situation/orientation)
- Theory on social system (AGIL analysis)

Merton's functionalism-

- Definition of function
- Functional alternatives

MODULE II CONFLICT THEORIES

20 Lectures

Marx's concept of conflict theory

- Dialectics
- Theory of Alienation

Lewis Coser: Functions of Social conflict

C. Wright Mills: Power and Power Elite

MODULE III EXCHANGE THEORY

20 Lectures

Theory of Gift- Marcel Mauss

George Homans and Peter Blau

Rational Choice Theory

Scheme of Examination

A) Internal Assessment (25 marks) Project

B) Semester End Examination: 75 Marks

Question Paper Pattern

The Question Paper will contain five questions in all carrying 15 marks each.

Question no. 1 to 4 will have internal choice.

The fifth question will have two short notes out of four.

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