

Course Code	Course Title	L	T	P	C
BAHUM109	Principles of Sociology	3	0	0	3
Pre-requisite	NIL	Syllabus Version			
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Course Objectives					
1. Understand the key concepts, nature, and scope of sociology as a discipline. 2. Interpret the processes of socialization, culture, and social control in shaping individuals and groups. 3. Examine the structure and functions of major social institutions such as family, religion, education, and polity.					
Course Outcomes					
1. Explain the fundamental concepts, nature, and scope of sociology as a scientific study of society. 2. Analyze the interconnections of sociological concepts, social processes and the interdisciplinary nature of human behavior. 3. Describe the processes of socialization and social control, and social groups in shaping individual and group behavior. 4. Examine the structure and functions of major social institutions such as family, marriage, religion, education, economy, and polity. 5. Analyse the dynamics of social processes—cooperation, competition, conflict, and the patterns of social change, stratification, modernization and solutions to address societal issues.					
Module:1	Sociology	7 hours			
Definition - Nature -Scope - Field - Importance - Relationship with other Social Sciences					
Module:2	Sociological Concepts	8 hours			
Society, community, association, institution, Social Process, Culture - meaning, characteristics, elements, and importance, Social structure, Status and role					
Module:3	Socialization and Social Groups	10 hours			
Meaning, process, and stages of socialization, Agencies of socialization - family, school, peer group, media, social control - meaning, types (formal and informal), and agencies, social groups - meaning and types (primary, secondary, in-group, out-group, reference group)					
Module:4	Social Institutions	9 hours			

Family - types, functions, and changes, Marriage - forms, functions, and contemporary trends, Religion - sociological perspectives, Education - social role and its impact on social mobility, Economy and polity as social institutions		
Module:5	Social Stratification	9 hours
Social stratification - meaning, forms (caste, class, race), and mobility, social change - meaning, factors, social disorganization - causes and consequences, Modernization and globalization - sociological implications		
Module:6	Contemporary Issues	2 hours
Total Lecture Hours:		45 hours
Text Book(s)		
1. Richard T. Schaefer , " Sociology – A Brief Introduction ", McGraw Hill, 13 th Edition, 2021 2. Antony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton , " Sociology ", Atlantic Publishers and Distributors Pvt Ltd, 8 th Edition, 2017		
Reference Books		
1. C.N. Shankar Rao , " Sociology: Principles of Sociology: With an Introduction to Social Thoughts ", S Chand and Company Ltd, 1 st Edition, 2019 2. Haralambos M. and Holborn , " Sociology: Themes and Perspectives ", Collins, 8 th Edition, 2022		
Mode of Evaluation: Continuous Assessment Test, Quiz, Final Assessment Test, Seminar, Presentation		
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