



Course Code	Course Name	Cr. Hrs
IDS 351	Introduction to Sociology	3(3-0)

Objectives: This course introduces the scientific study of human society, culture, and social interactions. Topics include socialization, diversity and inequality, cooperation and conflict, social change, social institutions, and organizations. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of sociological concepts as they apply to the interplay among individuals, groups, and societies. This course, intended to be taught to students of Political Science, can benefit them in understanding the society and the social behavior of the humans that are among the essential components of political analysis.

CLOs:

- Evaluate society and culture using sociological theories.
- Explain processes of socialization.
- Understand the ways in which social institutions are interdependent.
- Organize the components of social structure.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction
 - Historical back ground of Sociology
 - Definition, Scope, and Subject Matter
 - Sociology as a Science
 - Relationship of Sociology with other Social Sciences
2. Community, Society, Associations and Organizations
 - Community Introduction, Definition, Elements and Types
 - Society, Definition, Types
 - Difference between Society and community
- 2.1. Associations, Meaning and definition
 - Non-Voluntary
 - Voluntary
- 2.2 Organization
 - Informal
 - Formal
3. Social Interaction
 - Levels of Social Interaction
 - Process of Social Interaction
 - Cooperation
 - Competition
 - Conflict
 - Accommodation
 - Acculturation and diffusion
 - Assimilation



- Amalgamation
- 4. Social Groups
 - Definition & Functions
 - Classification of social groups
 - In-groups and out- groups
 - Primary and Secondary group
 - Reference groups
 - Informal and Formal groups
 - Pressure groups
 - Importance of Group Life
- 5. Culture
 - Definition, aspects and characteristics of Culture
 - Material and non-material culture
 - Ideal and real culture

Elements of culture

- Beliefs
- Values
- Norms and social sanctions
- 6. Socialization & Personality
 - Role and status
 - Socialization, definitions, and types of socialization
 - Agencies of socialization

Suggested Readings:

- Giddens, A. (2002). Introduction to sociology. Polity Press.
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