



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BAP_DSC_Minor
Paper Title:	An Invitation to Sociology
Unique Paper Code:	2302201101
Semester:	I
Faculty(s):	Ms. Priyanka Danu
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	To introduce students to the sociological imagination as a way of linking personal biography with larger social and historical structures.	12	The Sociological Imagination and the Promise of Sociology
	To familiarize students with foundational definitions and the scope of sociology as a discipline.		What is Sociology? Defining the Discipline
	To enable students to distinguish sociological knowledge from common-sense understanding of society.		Sociology and Common Sense
II	To trace the historical and intellectual context in which sociology emerged as a distinct discipline.	12	The Emergence of Sociology: Historical Context
	To introduce students to the early founders and formative period of sociological theory.		A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory: The Early Years
III	To introduce the concept of culture, its elements, and its role in shaping social life.	36	Culture: Meaning, Elements and Significance
	To examine how culture underpins the organisation of human society.		Culture and the Organisation of Human Society
	To understand the basic forms of social interaction and the nature of social institutions.		Social Interaction and Social Institutions
	To explore kinship as a social institution through an ethnographic case study.		Kinship as a Social Institution: The Punjabi Case
	To introduce theories and dimensions of social change.		Understanding Social Change
	To examine the relationship between modernity, cosmopolitanism and global consumer culture.		Modernity, Cosmopolitanism and Global Consumer Culture
	To introduce the sociology of personal life and its conceptual foundations.		Conceptualising the Personal

	To examine friendship as a sociologically significant personal relationship.		Sociology of Friendship

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	(12 Hours) Introducing Sociology
II	(12 Hours) The Emergence of Sociology
III	(36 Hours) Basic Concepts a. Culture b. Social Interactions and Institutions c. Social Change d. Sociology and Personal Life
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Mills, C.W. (1959) 'The Promise', in The Sociological Imagination, 6th ed. (2000). Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-24.
2.	Giddens, A. & Philip Sutton (2021) Sociology, 9th ed. London: Polity Press, Chapter 1 'What is Sociology?', pp. 1-30.
3.	Beteille, Andre (2009) Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method. Delhi: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1 'Sociology and Common Sense', pp. 13-27.
4.	Ritzer, George (1996) Classical Sociological Theory. New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 1 'A Historical Sketch of Sociological Theory – The Early Years', pp. 13-46.
5.	Macionis, John J. (adapted by Reema Bhatia) (2019) Sociology, 17th ed., Chapter 3 'Culture', pp. 70-95. New Delhi: Pearson.
6.	Redfield, Robert (1956) 'How Human Society Operates', Chapter 16 in Harry L. Shapiro (ed.) Man, Culture and Society. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 345-368.
7.	Horton, Paul B. & Chester L. Hunt (2004) Sociology. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill, Chapter 9, pp. 210-229.
8.	Das, Veena (1976) 'Masks and Faces: An Essay on Punjabi Kinship', Contributions to Indian Sociology, Vol. 10, No. 1, pp. 1-28.
9.	Macionis, John J. (adapted by Reema Bhatia) (2019) Sociology, 17th ed., Chapter 25 'Social Change', pp. 742-768. New Delhi: Pearson.
10.	Dillon, Michele (2014) Introduction to Sociological Theory: Theorists, Concepts, and Their Applicability to the Twenty-First Century. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, Chapter 15 'Modernity, Cosmopolitanism and Global Consumer Culture', pp. 491-520.

11.	Morgan, David (2019) 'Conceptualising the Personal', in V. May & Petra Nordqvist (eds) Sociology of Personal Life. London: Red Globe Press, Chapter 2, pp. 16-29.
12.	Allan, G. & R.G. Adams (2006) 'Sociology of Friendship', in C. Bryant & D. Peck, The Handbook of 21st Century Sociology. Sage, pp. 1-29.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
	3	1	Nil
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		15	
		20	
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3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90