



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BA (H) Sociology
Paper Title:	Sociological Thinkers-II
Unique Paper Code:	2302103501
Semester:	V
Faculty(s):	Dr. Pratichi Majumdar
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
	To discuss the importance of sociological theories and the relation between theories and	1	Introduction to Sociological Theories
I	To introduce the contributions made by Karl Marx to sociological theory.	2	Introduction to Marxist thought
I	To understand the materialist conception of history as mode of analysis.	3-5	Dialectical and Historical Materialism
I	To explore the basis, processes and consequences of capitalist society through the writings of Karl Marx.	6-9	Capitalist Mode of Production – Commodification, Labour Theory of Value
I	To explore the basis, processes and consequences of capitalist society through the writings of Karl Marx.	10-12	Reserve Army of Labour, Pauperisation and Alienation
I	To explore the basis, processes and consequences of capitalist society through the writings of Karl Marx.	13-14	Summing up Marxist perspective
II	To introduce the contributions made by Claude Levi-Strauss to sociological theory.	15-16	Introduction to Structuralism and Levi-Strauss's work
II	To explore the study of myths through the writings of Levi-Strauss.	17-19	Structure of the myth
II	To understand the relationship between structures of different human narratives through Levi-Strauss's study of music and myth	20-21	Myth and music

II	To understand the relationship between structures of different human narratives	22-24	Structure of Human Language
II	To familiarise students with structuralist perspective in sociology and conceptualise such research	25-26	Summing up structuralism
III	To introduce the contributions made Pierre Bourdieu to sociological theory.	27	Introduction to Bourdieu and relationship with previous theories
III	To understand the dialectic of the internalization of externality and the externalization of internality in Bourdieu's thought	28-29	Externality and Internality
III	To explore the concept of structure and habitus.	30-33	Structure and Habitus
III	To explore Bourdieu's theory of practice and understand the place of the individual in society.	34-36	Theory of practice
III	To familiarise students with structuralist perspective in sociology and conceptualise such research	37-39	Objectification and Embodiment
III	To familiarise students with structuralist perspective in sociology and conceptualise such research	40	Summing up Bourdieu's thought
I, II, III	To understand how to compare and contrast key sociological thinkers	41	The relationship between the individual and society in Marx, Levi-Strauss and Bourdieu
I, II, III	Final revision	42-43	Final-Revision

****Please note the schedule for class tests, assignments, and other class-activities will be informed in class as per requirement.**

Unit	TOPICS
I	Karl Marx a. Dialectical and Historical Materialism b. Capitalist Mode of Production and Alienation
II	Claude Levi Strauss: Structuralism
III	Pierre Bourdieu: Theory of Practice

S. No.	Name of Authors/ Books/ Publishers
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1.	Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1969. <i>Selected Works, Vol. I</i> . Moscow: Progress Publishers. Pp. 19-26; 142-174.
2.	Giddens, Anthony. 1971. <i>Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 1-64.
3.	Lévi-Strauss, C. 1981. 'Structuralism and Myth' in <i>The Kenyon Review, New Series</i> , Vol. 3, No. 2, Spring. Pp. 64-88.
4.	Bourdieu, P. 1977. <i>Outline of a Theory of Practice</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters. 2 Pp. 72-95.
5	Bhambra Gurminder. and John Holmwood. 2021. <i>Colonialism and Modern Social Theory</i> . Cambridge: Polity Press.
6	Bottomore, T.(ed.). 1991. <i>The Dictionary of Marxist Thought</i> . Delhi: Wiley Blackwell.
7	Grenfell, M. (ed.) 2012. <i>Pierre Bourdieu: Key Concepts</i> . New-Delhi: Rawat Publications.
8	Seidman, S. 1994. <i>Contested Knowledge</i> . Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers.
9	Thompson, K. & Tunstall, J. (ed.) 1977. <i>Sociological Perspectives. Selected Readings</i> . New York: Penguin Books.
10	Turner, J. 1995. <i>The Structure of Sociological Theory</i> . Jaipur: Rawat Publications.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	NIL
Assessment Scheme			
S. No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1.	Internal Assessment (Lecture)	30	30
	• Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation	12	
	• Class Test	12	
	• Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)	40	40
	• Activity 1 (Critical Reading and group discussion)	15	
	• Activity 2 (Term Paper on Theoretical framework to sociological research)	20	

	Attendance	5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	NA	NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90