



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2025

Course Name:	B.A. (H) SOCIOLOGY
Paper Title:	DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	VII
Faculty(s):	Ms. Deeksha Gangwar
Year:	2025-26

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	1. To highlight the sociological aspects of the interplay between digital technology and society and its implications on sociology as a discipline.	1	Digital Society
		2	Digital Society
		3	Digital Society
		4	Digital Society
		5	Digital Society
		6	Digital Sociology
		7	Digital Sociology
		8	Digital Sociology

		9	Digital Sociology
2	To examine the role of digital technology in re-configuring social spaces, networks and relationships.	10	Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants
		11	Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants
		12	Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants
		13	Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants
		14	Relationships in Digital Society
		15	Relationships in Digital Society
		16	Relationships in Digital Society
		17	Relationships in Digital Society
		18	Community in Digital Age
		19	Community in Digital Age
		20	Community in Digital Age
		21	Community in Digital Age
3	To illustrate the ways in which digital tools, social media platforms, and	22	Digital Divide

	online interactions influence and mirror cultural dynamics and identities.		
		23	Digital Divide
		24	Digital Divide
		25-30	Digital Divide
		31	Digital Democracy
		32	Digital Democracy
		33-36	Digital Democracy
4	1. To critically analyse the relationship between technology and social inequalities. 2. To foster understanding of digital systems required for pursuit of SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities.	37	Algorithms
		38	Algorithms
		39	Algorithms
		40-41	Algorithms
		42	Artificial Intelligence
		43	Artificial Intelligence

		44	Artificial Intelligence
		45	Artificial Intelligence

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Unit I: Digital Sociology: Nature and Context (9 Hours) <i>This unit introduces students to the nature and context of digital sociology. a. Digital Society b. Digital Sociology</i>
II	Unit II: Digital and the Everyday (12 Hours) <i>This unit addresses how the digital society reconfigures and rearticulates the social through the categories of relationships and spaces.</i> a. Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants b. Relationships in Digital Society c. Community in Digital Age
III	Unit III: Digital Divide and Digital Democracy (15) <i>This unit discusses the ways in which the digital is not neutral but reproduces and amplifies existing social inequalities</i> a. Digital Divide b. Digital Democracy
IV	Unit IV Techno-Social Assemblages: Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence (9 Hours) <i>This unit explores how algorithms are not just technical tools but active social agents that shape and are shaped by social practices, power structures and human behavior. They are deeply embedded in the everyday.</i>
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Selwyn Neil. (2019). <i>What is Digital Sociology?</i> Cambridge: Polity Press. Chapters 1 & 2, Pp.

	13-27.
2.	Lupton, Deborah. (2015). <i>Digital Sociology</i> . New York: Routledge. Chapter 2, Pp. 20-41.
3.	Prensky, Marc. "Digital natives, digital immigrants: Do they really think differently?" <i>On the Horizon</i> 9.6 (2001): 1-6.
4.	VanSlyke, Timothy. "Digital natives, digital immigrants: Some thoughts from the generation gap." <i>The technology source</i> 7.3 (2003).
5.	Lee Rainie and Barry Wellman (2012). <i>Networked: The New Social Operating System</i> . The MIT Press Cambridge, Massachusetts, London, England. Chapters 5 & 6, Pp. 117-170.
6.	Evans, Karen. (2013). Re-Thinking Community in the Digital Age? In K. Orton-Johnson and N. Prior (Eds). <i>Critical Perspectives in Digital Sociology</i> , Palgrave MacMillan, Basingstoke. Chapter 5, Pp. 79-94.
7.	Boellstorff, Tom. <i>Coming of Age in Second Life: An Anthropologist Explores the Virtually Human</i> . United States: Princeton University Press, 2015. Ch. 5&7. Pp. 118-150, 179-201
8.	Massimo, Ragnedda and Ruiiu, Maria Laura (2018). Social Capital and the Three Levels of Digital Divide. In Massimo Ragnedda and Glenn W. Muschert.(ed). <i>Theorizing Digital Divides</i> . Routledge. Chapter 2. Pp. 21-34.
9.	Kelly Joyce and Taylor M. Cruz. (2024). A Sociology of Artificial Intelligence: Inequalities, Power, and Data Justice. <i>American Sociological Association</i> . Volume 10. Pp. 1–6.
10.	Laskar, M.H. (2023). Examining the Emergence of Digital Society and the Digital Divide in India: A Comparative Evaluation Between Urban and Rural Areas. <i>Front. Sociology</i> . 8 Pp. 1- 10.
11	Hindman, Matthew. <i>The Myth of Digital Democracy</i> . Italy: Princeton University Press, 2008. Ch. 1 &3. Pp. 1- 19, 38-57
12	Papacharissi, Zizi A. <i>A Private Sphere: Democracy in a Digital Age</i> . Germany: Polity Press, 2013. Ch 3. Pp. 51-79.
13	Massimo, Airoidi. M. (2022). Why Not a Sociology of Algorithms? In <i>Machine Habitus: Toward a Sociology of Algorithms</i> . Polity Press. Chapter 1, Pp. 1-31.

14	Burrell, Jenna and Fourcade, Marion (2021). The Society of Algorithms. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> . Vol. 47, Pp. 213–237.
15	Clough, Patricia Ticineto, Gregory, Karen, Haber, Benjamin and Scannell, R. Joshua. (2015). The Datalogical Turn. In Phillip Vannini (ed). <i>Non-Representational Methodologies Re- Envisioning Research</i> . Routledge: New York . Chapter 9, Pp. 146-164.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment/Quiz/Project/ Presentation - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		06	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		20	
		15	
		05	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	NA	NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90