



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BAP _ DSC _ Minor
Paper Title:	Classical Sociological Thinkers
Unique Paper Code:	2302202301
Semester:	Sem III
Faculty(s):	Ms. Priyanka Danu
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	To introduce one of the key conceptual contributions of Marx that examines the historical development of society.	1	Materialism Vs Idealism
			Ideology in general, German Ideology in Particular
		2	Premises of the materialist conception of History
		3	Production and intercourse, Division of Labour and Forms of Property- Tribal, Ancient and Feudal Property
		4	The essence of the material conception of history, social being and social consciousness
		5	Introductory chapter
			Marx's life and intellectual outlook
		6	Marx's Philosophy and Social Thought
			Marx Legacy
		7	German Ideology (1845)
			Premises of Materialist Method
		8	Ruling Class and Ruling Ideas
		9	Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844

			Economy as an actual fact, may be social fact!
		10	Alienation and estranged Labour
		11	Manifesto of the Communist Party (1848)
			Bourgeois and Proletarians
			Proletarians and Communists
		12	The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte (1852)
			Wage-Labour and Capital (1847)
II	To explain Durkheim's definition of 'Social Fact' and its significance in establishing Sociology as a scientific discipline with a distinct methodology	13	Rules of Sociological Methods
		14	Social Facts
		15	Rules for the distinction of The Normal from the pathological
		16	Rules for the observation of Social Fact
		17	Rules for distinguishing the normal from Pathological
		18	Rules of constitution of social types
		19	Rules for the explanation of social facts
		20	Rules for the demonstration of Social Proof
			Critical Remarks By Steve Lukes
		21	What is suicide
		22	Social causes and social types
		23	Types of Suicide
		24	Suicide as social phenomenon
III	To introduce the concepts of Ideal Types, explaining one of Weber's key methodological tools for developing a sociological study of society. The section further illustrates Weber's use of the concept through his analysis of 'types of authority'.	26	Weber: An Introduction
		27	Basis of Legitimacy
		28	Legal Authority
		29	Traditional
		30	Charismatic
		31	An Analysis of the writings of Marx, Durkheim and Max Weber

			Methodological essay
		32	Subjectivity and Objectivity
		33	Judgments of Fact and Judgments of Value
		34	Construction of Ideal Type
	Revision	35	Karl Marx
		36	Emile Durkheim
		37	Max Weber

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	(15 Hours) Karl Marx: Materialist Conception of History This unit introduces students to one of the key conceptual contributions of Marx that examines the historical development of society.
II	(15 Hours) Emile Durkheim: Social Fact This unit explains Durkheim's definition of 'Social Fact' and its significance in establishing Sociology as a scientific discipline with a distinct methodology.
III	(15 Hours) Max Weber: Ideal Types and Types of Authority This unit introduces the concepts of Ideal Types, explaining one of Weber's key methodological tools for developing a sociological study of society. The section further illustrates Weber's use of the concept through his analysis of 'types of authority'.
IV	
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Marx, K. & F. Engels (1969) The German Ideology. Moscow: Progress Publishers, pp. 34-42.
2.	Calhoun, J. Craig (2007) Classical Sociological Theory, 2nd ed. Malden: Blackwell, pp. 73-130.
3.	Durkheim, E. (1958) The Rules of Sociological Method. Glencoe: Free Press, Chapters 1 and 3, pp. 50-59; 85-107.
4.	Jones, R.A. (1986) Emile Durkheim: An Introduction to Four Major Works. London: Sage Publications, Chapters 3 and 4, pp. 60-114.
5.	Weber, Max (1947) The Theory of Social and Economic Organization. New York: The Free Press, pp. 324-386.
6.	Giddens, Anthony (1971) Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: An Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 10, pp. 133-144.

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