



Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
SOC-308	Introduction to Population Studies	3	VI
Year	Discipline		
3	Sociology & Sociocultural Studies		

**Objective:**

Relevant concepts of population dynamics shall be explored. The theories in relation to population growth will be shared. The concept of culture and social values regarding population growth will be emphasized. The variables including fertility, mortality, and migration shall be studied with reference to change in population in a given area. Population policies about growth and control will be learnt.

**1. Introduction**

- a. The significance of population study
- b. Scope of Population studies
- c. Sources of population data

**2. Population growth in Pakistan**

- a. Historical trends
- b. Present population situation
- c. Future prospects.

**3. Demographic processes**

- a. Fertility: socio-economic variables affecting fertility
- b. Mortality: Socio-economic variables affecting mortality
- c. Migration:

**4. The structure of Pakistan's population**

- a. Geographic distribution
- b. Age and Sex structure
- c. Education, Dependency burdens. Birth rates: their relationships to GNP growth rates and income distribution.

**5. Population related problems of Pakistan**

- a. Economic factors behind high fertility rate
- b. Social, cultural and, ethnic factors behind high fertility rates
- c. Mortality especially maternal and Infant mortality.

**6. The population debates**

- a. Some conflicting opinions
- b. The micro-economic theory of fertility
- c. The demand for children in developing countries

**7. Theories of Population**

- a. Theory of demographic transition
- b. Malthusian population trap and its criticism
- c. Ibn-e-Khaldun theory.



**PRACTICAL**

Students have to submit a comprehensive research report demonstrating various dimensions of Pakistan population based on data collected from different relevant government and non-government organization

**Recommended Books**

1. Andrew Hinde. (1998). Demographic Methods. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
  2. Hans, Raj. (1993). Population Studies. New Delhi: Indian Council of Social Research Sciences.
  3. K.Srinivasan. (1998). Basic Demographic Techniques & Applications. New Delhi: Sage Publication.
  4. Paul Demeny. (2003). Encyclopedia of Population Macmillan Reference. U.S.A: Thomson/Gale.
  5. Peterson, William. (1975). Population. New York: Macmillan.
  6. Todero, M.P. (2000). Economics Development in the Third World. London: Longman.
  7. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe - Official Web Site
  8. United States Census Bureau. (2005). Census Bureau - Countries Ranked by Population. Retrieved February 13, 2005.
  9. UNO. (2000). Population Trends, World Population Monitoring, Population Growth, Structure and Distribution. New York: Department of Economics and Social Affairs, Population Division. U.N.O.
  10. Weeks John R. (1992). Population: An Introduction to Concepts and Issues. Belmont California: Wadsworth Publishing Company.
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