

Programme	BSSW	Course Code	SCSI-204	Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Sociology of Culture and Social Institutions				
Course Introduction					
<p><b>This course explores the complex relationships between culture, social institutions and social change. We will examine how culture shapes and is shaped by social institutions, such as family, education, religion, political and economic systems. We will also analyze how social institutions shape and are shaped by social change, including globalization and social movements.</b></p> <p><b>Through this course, you will gain a deeper understanding of the ways in which culture and social institutions intersect and impact our lives. You will learn to think critically about the ways in which social institutions shape our beliefs, values, and behaviors and how culture influences our experiences and interactions within these institutions.</b></p>					
Learning Outcomes					
<p>On the completion of the course, the students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Analyze the complex relationships between culture, social institutions, and social change.</li><li>2. Evaluate the ways in which social institutions shape and are shaped by culture and social change.</li><li>3. Apply critical thinking skills to understand how culture and social institutions impact our lives and interactions.</li><li>4. Design and propose a research project that explores the intersection of culture and social institutions in a specific context.</li></ol>					
Course Content				Assignments/Readings	
Week 1-2	Unit-I  1.1. Introduction to Sociology of Culture and Social Institutions  1.1.1 Defining culture and social institutions  1.1.2 Importance of studying culture and social institutions  1.1.3 Overview of the course				

Week 3-4	<p>Unit-II</p> <p>2.1 Theories of Culture and Social Institutions</p> <p>2.1.1 Functionalism, conflict theory and symbolic interactionism</p> <p>2.1.2 Postmodernist perspectives on culture</p> <p>2.1.3 Theories of social institutions (e.g. structural functionalism, conflict theory)</p>	
Week 5-6	<p>Unit-III</p> <p>3.1. Cultural Values and Beliefs, and Family as a Social Institution</p> <p>3.1.1 Defining values and beliefs</p> <p>3.1.2 Types of values and beliefs</p> <p>3.1.3 How values and beliefs shape behavior</p> <p>3.1.4 Historical and contemporary changes in family structure</p>	
Week 7-8	<p>Unit-IV:</p> <p>4.1 Cultural Practices and Institutions, and Education as a Social Institution</p> <p>4.1.1 Defining cultural practices and institutions</p> <p>4.1.2 Types of cultural practices and institutions (e.g. religion, education)</p> <p>4.1.3 How cultural practices and institutions shape culture</p> <p>4.1.4 Role of education in socialization and inequality</p>	
Week 9	Mid Term Exam	
Week 10-11	<p>Unit-V</p> <p>5.1 Cultural Diversity and Inequality, and Religion as a Social Institution</p> <p>5.1.1 Defining cultural diversity and inequality</p> <p>5.1.2 Types of cultural diversity and inequality (e.g. race, gender, class)</p>	

	5.1.3 How cultural diversity and inequality intersect 5.1.4 Role of religion in socialization and social control	
Week 12-13	Unit-VI  6.1 Cultural Change and Socialization, and Political and Economic Institutions  6.1.1 Defining cultural change and socialization 6.1.2 Types of cultural change and socialization (e.g. acculturation, assimilation)  6.1.3 How cultural change and socialization shape culture  6.1.4 Role of political and economic institutions in shaping social relationships	
Week 14-15	Unit-VII  7.1. Comparative Analysis of Culture and Social Institutions 7.1.1 Comparing cultural values and beliefs across cultures 7.1.2 Comparing social institutions across cultures and societies	
Week 16-17	Unit-VIII  8.1. Globalization, Social Movements, and Social Institutions 8.1.1 Defining globalization and its impact on culture 8.1.2 Cultural homogenization vs. cultural diversity 8.1.3 How social movements shape and are shaped by social institutions	
Week 18	Final Term Exam	
Textbooks and Reading Material		
1. Bella, L. (2020). The sociology of culture (2nd ed.). Routledge. 2. Fields, A. J. (2020). Cultural sociology: An introduction (2nd ed.). Sage Publications. 3. Macionis, J. J. (2020). Sociology (16th ed.). Pearson. 4. Muller, H.-P. (2020). Social change and modernity (2nd ed.). Routledge. 5. Peterson, D. R. (2020). Social institutions: A sociological approach (4th ed.). Cengage Learning. 6. Rao, S. (2020). Sociology: A very short introduction (2nd ed.). Oxford University Press.		
Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar		

Class participation and engagement (5%) Group work and presentations (10%) Individual assignments and quizzes (10%)			
Assessment			
Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Students Presentations with write ups
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester