Programme	BS in Sociology	Course Code		Credit Hours	3
Course Title	**Fundamentals of Sociology**				

Course Introduction

This course provides a foundational understanding of sociology by introducing students to its core concepts, theoretical frameworks, and methodological approaches. Emphasizing the importance of the sociological imagination, the course enables students to critically examine the relationship between individuals and society. Topics include culture, socialization, social institutions, stratification, and social change, with a focus on both classical and contemporary perspectives. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the analytical tools necessary to interpret social structures and everyday life within broader historical and global contexts.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Understand basic sociological concepts, theories, and terminologies.
2. Analyze the structure and functions of social institutions.
3. Apply sociological perspectives to everyday social phenomena.

Course Content		Readings and Assignments
Week 1	1.1. Overview of course and its objectives 1.2. Sociology: Definition, significance, and key concepts 1.3. Sociology and other social sciences	Reading: Giddens et al. (2021), Chapter 1 (What is Sociology?). Assignment: Write a short essay comparing Sociology with other social sciences.
	1.4. Origin & Development of Sociology 1.5. Sociological perspectives	
Week 2	2.1. Sociological perspectives (continued)	Reading: Macionis (2023), Chapter 1 (Sociological Perspective). Assignment: Apply the three sociological perspectives to the issue of poverty.
	2.2.Culture: Definition and types	
Week 3	3.1.Components of Culture	Reading: Giddens et al. (2021), Chapter 2 (Culture). Assignment: Identify elements of material and non-material culture in your immediate environment.
	3.2. Social Control and Social Sanctions	
Week 4	4.1. Socialization: Introduction and Agents	Reading: Macionis (2023), Chapter 3 (Socialization). Assignment: Analyze the influence of family vs. media on child socialization.
	4.2. Theories of socialization: George Herbert Mead - The Social Self	
Week 5	5.1.C.H. Cooley: Looking Glass	
	5.2. Social Interaction-Introduction	Reading: Anderson & Taylor (2020), Chapter on Social Structure. Assignment: Write a reflection on a personal experience using the "Looking Glass Self" concept.
	6.1.. Status and Role	Reading: Giddens et al. (2021),

Week 6	6.2.Theories of Social Interaction- Social Construction of Reality	Chapter 4 (Socialization & Interaction). Assignment: Quiz: Terminology and Concepts (Status, Role, Culture).
Week 7	7.1.Theories of Social Interaction (continued) -Ethnomethodology -Dramaturgical Analysis 7.2.Revision for Midterms	Reading: Collins, R. (2004), *Interaction Ritual Chains* (Selected Excerpt). Assignment: Observe a public setting and analyze it using Goffman's Dramaturgy (Front stage/Back stage).
Week 8	Social Groups - Types and characteristics (size, leaders - Studies of Group Behavior	Reading: Macionis (2023), Chapter 5 (Groups and Organizations). Assignment: Midterm Exam Preparation.
Week 9	Formal Organization & its Types. -. Bureaucracy & its Characteristics Deviance: Social Foundations through sociological perspectives	Reading: Giddens et al. (2021), Chapter 6 (Conformity, Deviance, and Crime). Assignment: Is deviance functional? Discuss with reference to Durkheim.
Week 10	Deviance: Social Foundations through sociological perspectives (continued) Deviance and Social Diversity	Reading: Wacquant, L. (2009), *Punishing the Poor* (Introduction). Assignment: Case study analysis on a specific type of crime.
Week 11	Social Stratification-Dimensions Social Stratification-Dimensions (continued)	Reading: Macionis (2023), Chapter 8 (Social Stratification). Assignment: Analyze the class system in Pakistan.
Week 12	Global Social Stratification Social Institutions : Overview, Types interrelationship and Functions	Reading: Desmond, M. (2023), *Poverty, by America* (Chapter 1). Assignment: Submit outline for Term Paper.
Week 13	Definition and Types of Social Institutions	
	Social Institution: Family and Political	Reading: Giddens et al. (2021), Chapters on Family and Politics. Assignment: Compare functions of family in traditional and modern societies.
Week 14	Social Institution: Political and Economic Social Institution: Health and Education	Reading: Macionis (2023), Chapters on Economy and Education. Assignment: Group discussion on the role of education in social mobility.
	Social Institution: Mass Communication	Reading: Giddens et al. (2021),

Week 15	Social and Cultural Change	Chapter on Media and Social Change. Assignment: Submit Term Paper.
Week 16	Social and Cultural Change(continued) Course Revision: Conclusion	Reading: Review all readings. Assignment: Final Exam Preparation.

Textbooks and Reading Material

1. Textbooks.

a. Giddens, A., Duneier, M., Appelbaum, R. P., & Carr, D. (2021). ***Introduction to Sociology*** (11th ed.). W.W. Norton**..**
b. Macionis, J. J. (2023). ***Sociology*** (18th ed.). Pearson.
c. Anderson, M. L., & Taylor, H. F. (2020). ***Sociology: The Essentials*** (10th ed.). Cengage.

2. Suggested Readings

- Desmond, M. (2023). *Poverty, by America*. Crown.
- Collins, R. (2004). *Interaction ritual chains*. Princeton University Press.
- Hooks, B. (2000). *Feminism is for everybody: Passionate politics*. South End Press.
- Wilkerson, I. (2020). *Caste: The origins of our discontents*. Random House.
- Bhambra, G. K. (2022). *Colonialism and modern social theory*. Polity Press.
- Beck, U. (2009). *World at risk*. Polity.
- Wacquant, L. (2009). *Punishing the poor: The neoliberal government of social insecurity*. Duke University Press.

Teaching Learning Strategies

1. **Interactive Lectures with Discussions**
   Combine foundational lectures with questioning to engage students in critical thinking and apply sociological concepts to real-world examples.
2. **Case Studies**
   Use news articles, and short documentaries to analyze social issues such as inequality, race, gender, and deviance.
3. **Group Projects and Peer Collaboration**
   Encourage cooperative learning through group activities on course topics.
4. **Reflective Writing**
   Short reflections to deepen personal engagement with topics like identity, culture, and social norms.

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

Week	**Assessment Milestone**
Week 4	Quiz
Week 8	**Midterm Exam**
Week 9	Term Paper Topic Submission + Approval
Week 13	**Final Term Paper Due**
Week 14	**Final Exam**