

## **Optional Courses: (Non-Economics)**

**Code: SOC-211**

**Title: Introduction to Sociology**

**Credit Hours: 03**

### **Course Objectives:**

The objective of this course is to introduce the students with the fundamentals of the subject of Sociology

### **Course Contents**

#### **Introduction**

What is sociology?

Sociology and other social sciences

Sociology and common sense / Stereotypes

Key terms – Social Problems / Sociological Issues

Sociological Perspective

#### **Structuralism**

Structural Functionalism

Social Conflict

#### **Social Action**

Symbolic Interactionism

#### **Culture**

What is culture?

Elements of Culture

Cultural Diversity

#### **Socialization**

Socialization and its importance

Agents of Socialization

Socialization through the life course

(i) C. H. Cooley

(ii) George Herbert Mead

## **Social Structure**

(i) Status

(ii) Status Set

(iii) Achieved and Ascribed

(iv) Master Status

(v) Role

(vi) Role Set

(vii) Role Conflict

(viii) Role Strain

Theories of Social Interaction (Brief)

(i) Social Construction of Reality

(ii) Ethno Methodology

## **Groups and Organizations**

Types of Groups

Studies of Group Behaviour

Bureaucracy and its Characteristics

## **Deviance**

Deviance, Crime and Social Control

Types of Crime

## **Recommended Books:**

- Anderson, Margaret and Howard F. Taylor. (2001) Sociology the Essentials. Australia: Wadsworth.
- Brown, Ken. (2004). Sociology. UK: Polity Press
- Giddens, Anthony (2002). Introduction to Sociology. UK: Polity Press. Macionis, John J. (2006). Sociology. 10th ed. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall
- Tischler, Henry L. (2002). Introduction to Sociology. 7th ed. New York: The Harcourt Press.