

**VARENDRA UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Sociology**



**Syllabus**

MSS Program  
in  
Sociology (Regular)

## One Year MSS Program in Sociology

### Introduction

The MSS Program in Sociology at Varendra University has been designed for the regular graduates. The regular graduates are meant for those students who have earned a bachelor degree in Sociology from any public and private university approved by the UGC as well as by the government. This program aims to reopen a comprehensive faculty among the students of Sociology to understand society well and grasp the problems of society intuitively. The major objective of the program is to produce young Sociology students to serve in various government and non-government sectors to meet the increasing demand of the sociologists in society.

MSS program (Regular) will consist of 1 (one) year having 3 (three) semesters covering a total of 40 (forty) credits. Other than the theoretical courses; provisions will be there in for both the programs of seminars and viva-voce on completion of every semester. A student with high academic attainment in his/her BSS (Hons.) or pass levels is eligible for admission. The regulation for admission of the students and the examinations will be same as those of the BSS (Hons.) program in the faculty of arts and social science.

### Year and Semester wise Credit Distribution

#### One Year: Semester I

Course No.	Course Title	Hours/Week	Credits
SOC 501	Advanced Sociological Theories	3	3.0
SOC 502	Political Sociology	3	3.0
SOC 503	Social Demography	3	3.0
SOC 504	Applied Sociology	3	3.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12.0</b>

#### One Year: Semester II

Course No.	Course Title	Hours/Week	Credits
SOC 505	Sociology of Mass Communication	3	3.0
SOC 506	Sociology of Capitalism	3	3.0
SOC 507	Sociology of Human Rights and Social Justice	3	3.0
SOC 508	Political Development in Bangladesh	3	3.0
SOC 509	Project Planning and Management	3	3.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15.0</b>

#### One Year: Semester III

Course No.	Course Title	Hours/Week	Credits
SOC 510	Sociology of Bangladesh	3	3.0
SOC 511	Women and Society	3	3.0
SOC 512	Sociology of Globalization	3	3.0
SOC 513	Comprehensive	3	3.0
SOC 514	Seminar and Viva Voce	1	1.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13.0</b>

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**Marks distribution of the courses:**

Course Code	Title of the Course		Marks				Credits	CF Exam.
			Ass/C.T/Att.	Mid.	Final	Total		
SOC 501	Advanced Sociological Theories	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 502	Political Sociology	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 503	Social Demography	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 504	Applied Sociology	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 505	Sociology of Mass Communication	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 506	Sociology of Capitalism	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 507	Sociology of Human Rights and Social Justice	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 508	Political Development in Bangladesh	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 509	Project Planning and Management	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 510	Sociology of Bangladesh	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 511	Women and Society	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 512	Sociology of Globalization	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 513	Comprehensive	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	3	2 Hours
SOC 514	Seminar and Viva Voce	Compulsory	30	30	40	100	1	1 Hours

# Detailed Syllabus

## SOC 501 ADVANCED SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

3 Hours/week, 3 Credits

30+40+30=100

### Contents

- 1. Theoretical Development in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.**
- 2. Structural-Functionalist Perspective:**
  - (a) Talcott Parsons (b) Robert Merton
- 3. Conflict-Functionalist Perspective:**
  - (a) Ralf Dahrendorf (b) Randall Collins
- 4. Neo-Marxist and Critical Perspective:**
  - (a) Antonio Gramsci (b) György Lukács
  - (c) Jurgen Habermas (d) Louis Althusser
- 5. Symbolic Interactionist Perspective:**
  - (a) Herbert Mead (b) Erving Goffman
- 6. Phenomenological and Ethnomethodological perspective:**
- 7. (a) Edmund Husserl (b) Alfred Schutz (c) Harold Garfinkel**
- 8. Feminist Perspective/Postmodern Sociological Theory:**
  - (a) Jean Baudrillard (b) Michel Foucault (c) Jacques Derrida
  - (d) Zygmunt Bauman (e) Jean Francois Lyotard (f) Pierre Bourdieu
- 9. Recent Development:**
  - (a) Anthony Giddens (b) George Ritzer (c) Ulrich Beck

### Recommended Books

Bottomore, T. B., and Nisbet, R. (eds.). (1978). *A History of Sociological Analysis*. New York: Basic Books.

Calhoun, C., Gerteis, J., Moody, J., Pfaff, S., and Virk, I. (eds.). (2007). *Classical Sociological Theory*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Coleman, J. S. (1990). *Foundations of Social Theory*. London: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Eisenstadt, S. N., and Helle, H. J. (1985). *Macro-Sociological Theory: Perspectives on Sociological Theory*. Vol. 1 and 2. London: SAGE.

Giddens, A. (1987). *Social Theory and Modern Sociology*. California: Stanford University Press

Ritzer, G. (2004). *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Vol. 1 and 2. London: Sage.

- Ritzer, G. (2010). *Sociological Theory*. New York: McGraw-Hill Companies.
- Richard, (1986). *Habermas and the Foundations of Critical Theory (Traditions in Social Theory)*. London: Macmillan.
- Turner, J. H. (eds.). (2001). *Handbook of Sociological Theory*. New York: Springer.

**SOC 502 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**  
**3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits**  
**30+40+30=100**

**Contents**

- 1. Origin and Development:** Political sociology and its' relations with sociology; political science and other social sciences.
- 2. Approaches of Political Sociology:** Marxist, functionalist, system theory, etc.
- 3. State:** Theories of the origin of state: Khaldun, Hegel, Marx, Openheimer, Gumplowicz.
- 4. Political Organization:** Tribal societies; Society, community and the state; Leadership, authority, legitimacy, bureaucracy and power.
- 5. Political Development:** Political culture; Political socialization; Political communication.
- 6. Economic Basis of Politics:** Communal basis of politics; Class politics and property relations.
- 7. Rise of Nation States and Nationalism:** Nationalism as political ideology; Ideology and society- conservatism; Liberalism, fascism, and fundamentalism.
- 8. Industrial Revolution:** Political set-up of capitalism; Multinational corporation; Military rules; Problems of democracy and the welfare state; Political parties and pressure-groups; Nature of elite and its circulation.
- 9. Sociology of International Power and Politics.**
- 10. Political Sociology of Bangladesh.**

**Recommended Books**

- Copp, D. (1993). *The Idea of Democracy*. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press.
- Haggard, S., and Kaufman R. R. (Eds.). (1992). *The Politics of Economic Adjustment*. Princeton, N. J: Princeton University Press.
- Junankar, P.N. (1989). *Marx's Economics*. New Delhi: Heritage Publishers.
- Krueger, A.O. (1993). *Political Economy of Policy Reform in Developing Countries*. Cambridge, Mass: The MIT Press.
- Lowie, R. H. (1927). *The Origin of the State*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company.
- MacIver, R. M. (1947). *The Web of Government*. New York: Macmillan Company.
- Merton, R. K., Gray, A. P., Hockey, B., and Selvin, H. C. (1952). *Reader in Bureaucracy*. Glencoe: Free Press.
- Mosca, G. (1939). *The Ruling Class*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.

Pareto, V. (1935). *Mind and Society*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, Inc.  
Sen, R. (1986). *Political Elites in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: The University Press Ltd.

## **SOC 503 SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY**

**3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits**

**30+40+30=100**

### **Contents**

- 1. Introduction:** Definition, nature, scope and importance of demography.
- 2. Population Theories:** Pre-modern population doctrines: Malthus, Marx; Demographic Transition Theory of demographic transition and its adjunct theories.
- 3. Nature of Demographic Data:** Types and source of demographic data evaluation of accuracy and errors in demographic data adjustment and correction of errors in demographic data quality of demographic data in Bangladesh.
- 4. Population Structure and Composition:-** Age and sex structure pattern and variations; Determinant and consequences of age and sex structure; Techniques of analysis: age and age pyramid, sex ratio, dependent of ratio and labor force participation rate.
- 5. Marriage and Family Formation:** Age at marriage: Universality of early marriage, Haznal's analysis of the European marriage pattern.
- 6. Fertility:** Definition and components of fertility; Trends and variations in fertility; Differentials and determinants of fertility; Measurement of fertility.
- 7. Migration:** Some basic concepts: Differentials and selectivity in migration theories and typologies ; Causes and consequences of migration Measurements of migration.
- 8. Mortality:** Components of mortality; Causes of death trends and variations in mortality, Factors responsible for the decline in mortality rates, Measuring mortality: Death rates standardization, Life expectancy and life table.
- 9. Population Projection:** Techniques of population projection trends in Bangladesh.
- 10. Population policy of Bangladesh:** population a prospect or problem; Population policy in Bangladesh.

### **Recommended Books**

Ahmad, Alia. (1991). *Women and Fertility in Bangladesh*, London: Sage Publication.  
Bulatao, R., and Lee, R. (eds.). (1983). *Determinants of Fertility in Developing Countries*. London: Academic Press.  
Davis, K and Black, J. (1947). *Social Structure & Fertility: An Analytic Framework, Economic Development & Cultural Change*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press.  
Haas. H. D. (2009). *Migration and Development: A Theoretical Perspective*. Oxford: International Migration Institute, University of Oxford.  
Malthus, T. R. (1826). *An Essay on the Principles of Population*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.  
Peterson, W. (1971). *Population*. New York: MacMillan Co.

Raj, H. (1988). *Fundamentals of Demography*. New Delhi: Surjeet Publications.  
Raj, H. (1996). *Population Studies*. New Delhi: Surjeet Publications.  
Schultz, T. P. (1994). *Demand for Children in Low Income Countries*. Oxford: Urban Reproductive Health Publications.

## **SOC 504 APPLIED SOCIOLOGY**

**3 Hours/week, 3 Credits**

**30+40+30=100**

### **Contents**

- 1. Introduction:** Applied sociology: Definition, scope and importance; Applied clinical and public sociology; Applied sociological perspective; History and applications of sociological practice.
- 2. Use of theories in sociological practice:** How sociological practitioners use theories: models of knowledge creation- knowledge for what? What should be done?
- 3. Doing Sociology:** Doing sociology worldwide: current global conditions and trends; Doing sociology at institutional levels; Doing sociology in Asia.
- 4. Problem Solving Approaches:** Sociology & social problems; Process of intervention; Problem solving approaches.
- 5. Applied Social Research:** Applied social research approaches; Clinical sociology and social engineering; Applied social research design; Process evaluation, program monitoring, and impact evaluation.
- 6. Professional Ethics:** Professional ethics: professional ethics and values for sociological practitioner; Applying principles of ethics at different levels of intervention.
- 7. Participatory Development and Capacity Building Strategies:** Participatory development: meaning and need, participatory development techniques, community development organization, participative management, group formation, capacity building strategies.
- 8. Sociology & its Application:** Applications of sociology: social policy, challenges for social policy, social security policies and safety nets program, social policy in Bangladesh.
- 9. Field Survey & Report:** Field survey methods; Report writing techniques; Practical based on field study and report submission.
- 10. Careers in Sociological Practice:** Career opportunities for sociology majors in academic and non-academic worlds career counseling and career promotion; Need for counseling; Methods used; Use of sociological knowledge in everyday life.

### **Recommended Books**

Bruhn, J. G., and Howard, M. R. (2007). *Sociological Practice: Intervention and Social Change*. (2nd Ed.). New York: Springer Science Business Media, LLC.  
Fritz, J. M. (Ed.). (2008). *International Clinical Sociology*. New York: Springer.  
Karp, D. A., Yoels, W. C., and Vann, B. H. (2004). *Sociology in Everyday Life*. Illinois: Waveland Press, Inc.

- Miller, D. C. (1995). *Careers in Sociology*. (4th Ed.) Washington DC: American Sociological Association.
- Price, J., and Steele, S. (2004). *Applied Sociology: Topics, Terms, Tools and Tasks*. (1st Ed.). USA: Wards worth.
- Price, J., Straus, R. A., and Breese, J. R. (Eds.). (2009). *Doing Sociology: Case Studies in Sociological Practice*. Plymouth: Lexington Books: A Division of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.
- Steele, S. and Iutovich, J. (Eds.). (1997). *Directions in Applied Sociology*. Arnold, MD: Society for Applied Sociology.
- Steele, S. F., Hauser, S. H. (1999). *Solution-Centered Sociology: Addressing Problems through Applied Sociology*. USA: Sage.
- Straus, R. A. (Ed.). (2002). *Using Sociology: An Introduction from the Clinical and Applied Perspectives*. Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield.

## **SOC 505 SOCIOLOGY OF MASS COMMUNICATION**

**3 Hours/week, 3 Credits**

**30+40+30=100**

### **Contents**

- 1. Introduction:** Definition, scope and subject matter of Sociology of mass communication; Mass communication as a field of research in Sociology; sociology of the mass communicator; Sociology of mass media audiences; The audience of mass communication.
- 2. Techniques of Research in Mass Communication.**
- 3. Theoretical Perspectives.**
- 4. Process of Mass Communication:** Technological development and mass media; Mass communication and national development.
- 5. Mass Communication Organizations.**
- 6. Media, Message and Culture:** Media and popular culture; Public beliefs, knowledge, and concepts of social reality.
- 7. Effects of Mass Media.**
- 8. Mass Communication and the Third World.**
- 9. Mass Media and Socialization.**
- 10. Opinion leadership, interpersonal influence and diffusion of news.**

### **Recommended Books**

- Comstock, G., Fisher, M. (1975). *Television and Human Behavior: A Guide to the Pertinent Scientific Literature*. Santa Monica, Calif: Rand Corporation.
- Comstock, G., Christen, F.G., Fisher, M. L., Quarles, R. C., Richards, W. D. (1975). *Television and Human Behavior: The Key Studies*. Santa Monica, Calif: Rand Corporation.
- Comstock, G., Chaffee, S., Katzman, N., McCombs, M., Roberts, D. (1978). *Television and Human Behavior*. NY: Columbia Univ. Press.



- Davison, W. P., Yu, F. T. C., eds. (1974). *Mass Communication Research: Major Issues and Future Directions*. NY: Praeger.
- DeFleur, M., Ball-Rokeach, S. (1975). *Theories of Mass Communication*. NY: McKay.
- Hirsch, P. M., Miller, P. V., Kline, F. G., eds. (1977). *Strategies for Communication Research*. Beverly Hills, Calif: Sage.
- Hyman, H. H. (1959). *Political Socialization*. NY: Free Press.
- Kraus, S., Davis, D. (1976). *The Effects of Mass Communication on Political Behavior*. University Park, Pa: Pennsylvania State Univ. Press.
- McQuail, D. (1994). *Mass communication theory: An introduction*. London: Sage Publication.
- McQuail, D. (1969). *Towards A Sociology of Mass Communications: Themes and issues in modern sociology*. London: Collier-Macmillan
- Robinson, J. P. (1977). *How Americans Use Time: A Social-Psychological Analysis of Everyday Behavior*. NY: Praeger
- Rogers, E. M., (ed). (1976). *Communication and Development: Critical Perspectives*. Beverly Hills. Calif: Sage.
- Wright, C. R. (1975). *Mass Communication: A Sociological Perspective*. NY: Random House.

## **SOC 506 SOCIOLOGY OF CAPITALISM**

**3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits**

**30+40+30=100**

### **Contents**

- 1. Introduction:** Marx's sociology and social philosophy: Marx's sociological thought; The materialist conception of history; Existence and consciousness; Society, social relations and economic structure.
- 2. Pre-capitalist Societies:** Forms of property and modes of production; Economic structure; Social stratification and political systems.
- 3. Capitalist Society:** Origin & development of capitalism; The social system of capitalism; The ideology of capitalism; Capitalism & human alienation; Social classes and class conflict.
- 4. Neo-Marxism.**
- 5. Peripheral Capital and Indian Subcontinent.**

### **Recommended Books**

- Bottomore, T. B., and Rubel, M. (1964). *Karl Marx: Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy*. Paperbacks: McGraw-Hill.
- Bottomore, T. B.(Ed.), (1983). *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*. USA: Harvard University Press.
- Habsbawm, E. J. (Ed.) (1964). *The Pre-capitalist Economic Formation*. The University of Michigan: Lawrence and Wishart.
- Marx, K., and Engels F. (1949). *The German Ideology*. New York: International Publications.
- Marx, K. (1848). *The Communist Manifesto*. Hampshire: Harriman House Ltd.
- Marx, K. (1844). *The Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts*. New York: Dover Publications Inc.

# **SOC 507 SOCIOLOGY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits**

**30+40+30=100**

## **Contents**

- 1. Introduction:** Definition; Characteristics; Subject matter and scope of human rights; Importance of studying human rights in sociology.
- 2. Theoretical Background:** Classical Marxist, Neo-Marxist and Liberal.
- 3. Forms of Human rights:** Civil rights, democratic rights and human rights; Human rights from third world perspectives.
- 4. UDHR (Universal Declaration of Human Rights):** Constitution and rights with special reference to class, caste, tribe, minorities; gender and environment human rights.
- 5. Movements and new trends:** Concerns with human rights: Movements; Civil society organizations; Globalization.
- 6. Social justice and type of social justice.**
- 7. Theoretical background of social justice.**

## **Recommended Books**

Adams, M. et al. (eds.). (2000). *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice*. New York and London: Routledge.

Brysk, A. (2002). *Globalization and Human Rights*. California and London: University of California Press.

Donnelly, J. (1989). *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice*. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press.

Glover, J. (2001). *Humanity: A Moral History of the Twentieth Century*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Gorman, R. F., and Mihalkanin, E. S. (2007). *The A to Z of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations*. Maryland: Scarecrow Press, Inc.

Mallinder, L. (2008). *Amnesty, Human Rights and Political Transitions: Bridging the Peace and Justice Divide*. Portland: Hart Publishing.

Mapp, S. C. (2008). *Human Rights and Social Justice in a Global Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Inc.

Miller, D. (1999). *The Principles of Social Justice*. Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press.

Tomuschat, C. (2008). *Human Rights: Between Idealism and Realism*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Young, I. M. (1990). *Justice and the Politics of Difference*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press

## SOC 508 POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN BANGLADESH

3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits

30+40+30=100

### Contents

- 1. Basic Concepts:** Political development; Constitution; State; Government; Political party; Development of political culture and political movements.
- 2. Remarkable Events:** Political events occurred during British period; Origin of congress and muslim league; Activities of all India national congress and muslim league; Political and administrative impact of British rule in Indian sub-continent; Creation of Pakistan.
- 3. Political Movements:** Political movements during soon after creation of Pakistan; Language movement; Formation of united front and the election of 1954; Constitution of 1956; Basic democracy; Students movements.
- 4. Political Development during Pakistan Period:** Imposition of martial law and extra-constitutional rule in Pakistan; Constitution of 1962; Movements for autonomy; 6 points movement in 1966; Mass upsurge in 1969; Liberation war and the emergence of Bangladesh.
- 5. Political Development during Post Independent Bangladesh:** Constitution of 1972 and its' sociological significance; Military intervention in politics; Constitutional amendments during 1972-1990.
- 6. Movements for Restoration of Democracy:** Caretaker government; Parliamentary democracy 1991-2007; recent constitutional amendments.
- 7. Socio-economic and Political Development during Post Independent Bangladesh:** Economic policies; Nationalization; Denationalization; Structural adjustment; Political crisis during different regimes; Role of bureaucracy and Political party.

### Recommended Books

Andaleev, S. S. (Ed.) (2007). *Political Culture in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: University Press Limited.  
Jahan, R. (2005). *Bangladesh Politics: Problem and Issue*. Dhaka: University Press Limited.  
Maniruzzaman, T. (1971). *The Politics of Development*. Dhaka: Quality Printer Limited.

**SOC 509 PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT**  
**3Hours/Week, 3 Credits**  
**30+40+30=100**

**Contents**

- 1. Basic Concepts:** Definition and characteristics of project; Definition, nature, types and characteristics and significance of planning.
- 2. Terms and Characteristics:** Planning and program terminology; Essential steps of planning.
- 3. Types and identification:** Classification of Project; Project Cycle; Factors important for a successful project.
- 4. Project Appraisal:** Apprising issues; Impediments to effective project formulation.
- 5. Project Formulation:** Project Concept Note; Planning before project proposal; SWOT analysis and writing tips for preparation of project proposal and proposal format.
- 6. Financial Planning:** Budgeting and budget types; Preparation and procedure of a project budget.
- 7. Project Implementation:** Ten factors Model of project implementation; Role and responsibility of project manager; Basic characteristics of development projects in Bangladesh.

**Recommended Books**

- Chandra, P. (2008). *Projects*. New Delhi:Tata Mcgraw-Hill Publishing Com. Ltd.
- Goodman, L. J, (1996). *Project Planning and Management. An Integrated System for Improving Productivity*. New Delhi: CBS Publishers and Distributors.
- Sirajuddin, M. (1980). *Project Management: a compilation of lecture materials*. Dhaka: Barnamala Press and Publications.
- Vargas, R. V. (2008). *Practical Guide to Project Planning*. New York: Auerbach Publishers.
- Wysocki, R. K., et al., (2000). *Effective Project Management*. New York. Wiley Computer Publishing.

# SOC 510 SOCIOLOGY OF BANGLADESH

3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits

30+40+30=100

- 1. Sociological Background of Pakistan:** Overview of British rule; Social and economic impact of British rule in Indian sub-continent; Causes and effects of socio-religious reform movement in 19th century; The British colonialism and its impact: Pakistan era., Causes of creation of Pakistan.
- 2. Sociological Background of Bangladesh:** The internal colonialism; Language movement; Remarkable events occurred in Pakistan period; Social and economic discrimination; Military administration; Election in 1970; Historic speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib on March 7, 1971; the liberation war.
- 3. Importance of Study of Sociology in Bangladesh:** Transformation of agrarian society; Urbanization; Culture and society; Globalization and culture; Education and religion; Crime and deviance.
- 4. Population and Ethnicity:** Population composition; Fertility, mortality and migration; Ethnic group in Bangladesh.
- 5. Marriage, Family and Socialization:** Changing pattern of marriage and family; Divorce; Nature of socialization.
- 6. Economy of Bangladesh:** Characteristics of Bangladesh economy; Farm and non-farm activities; Problems of agrarian transformation; Urban economy; Industrial growth; Problems of industrialization; Remittance economy.
- 7. Social inequality and poverty:** Nature of Social inequality in Bangladesh; Overall poverty situation of Bangladesh; Social stratification and mobility.
- 8. Politics:** Nature of the state; Bureaucracy and political parties in Bangladesh; Political unrest; Role of civil society.

## Recommended Books

Karim, A. K. N. (1976). *Changing society in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh*. Dhaka: Nawroze Kitabistan.

Karim, A. K. N. (1980). *The Dynamics of Bangladesh Society*. New Delhi: Vikas Publishers.

Mukherjee, R. (1971) *Six Villages of Bengal*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

Habib, I. (1999) *The Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1526-1707*. New York: Oxford University Press

Srinivas, M. N. (1980) *India: Social Structure*. New Delhi: Hindustan Publishing Corporation.

**SOC 511 WOMEN AND SOCIETY**  
**3 Hours/Week, 3 Credits**  
**30+40+30=100**

**Contents**

1. **Introduction:** Definition of women, gender and sex; Importance of gender studies in sociology.
2. **Basic Concepts:** Gender stereotype; Gender sensitivity; Gender equality and equity; Gender index; Gender mainstreaming; Gender gap.
3. **Women and Gender Perspective:** Patriarchy and feminist perspectives; Gender role; Gendered division of labour; Gender needs; Gender issue in development; Gender and poverty; Gender and health.
4. **Gender Differences in Historical Perspective:** Social development and the status of women from antiquity to capitalism; Impacts of French and Industrial revolutions on women.
5. **Women and Gender Role in Different Religions:** Women in Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism.
6. **Notion of Gender in Different Spheres:** Women's in workforce; Women in agriculture; Women's employment in formal sector; Work environment; Discrepancy and discrimination in work environment.
7. **In Quest of Gender Equity:** From WID to WED and GAD; Women and education; Development planning and activities for women's development and welfare.
8. **Women Empowerment:** Indices of empowerment; Empowerment in family; Economy, politics, and society; Government and non-government organizations and the issue of empowerment.
9. **Law and Politics:** Law making for women in Bangladesh; Gender discrimination in law; Practice of human rights in Bangladesh; Nature and extent of violence against women; Participation of women in politics, political awareness and leadership development.
10. **Movements and Organizations Towards Gender Equity:** Movement in global and national perspectives; UN conventions and charters and their implementation in Bangladesh (CEDAW, Beijing +5, PFA, Beijing +10, Beijing+15)

**Recommended Books**

- Abbott, P., and Wallace, C. (1997). *An Introduction to Sociology: Feminist Perspectives*. 2nd ed. London: Routledge.
- Kabeer, N. (1995). *Reversed Realities: Gender Hierarchies in Development Thought*. Dhaka: The University Press Limited.
- Khan, S. (1988). *The Fifty Percent: Women in Development and Policy Making*. 2nd ed. Dhaka: The University Press Limited.
- Mahtab, N. (2007). *Women in Bangladesh: From Inequality to Empowerment*. Dhaka: A. H. Development Publishing House.
- Moser, C. O. N. (1993). *Gender Planning and Development: Theory, Practice and Training*. London: Routledge.
- Ritzer, G. (1996). *Sociological Theory*. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Visvanathan, N. L., Nisonoff, D. L., and Wiegiersma, N. (1997). *The Women, Gender and Development Reader*. 2nd ed. London: Zed Books.
- Young, K. (1993). *Planning Development with Women: Making a World of Difference*. London: Macmillan Publishing Limited.

# SOC 512 SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION

3 Hours/week, 3 Credits

30+40+30=100

## Contents

- 1. Origins, History and Conceptualization:** Origin and history of globalization; Timeline of globalization; Conceptualizing globalization; Characteristics of globalization; Dimensions of globalization; Five key globalization debates; Myths of globalization.
- 2. Global Economy:** Bretton Woods-era organizations; Multinational Corporations (MNCs); who wins and who loses in globalization.
- 3. High-tech Global Flows and Structures:** Technology; Media; Internet.
- 4. Global political structures and processes:** Nation-State; Transnationalism; World systems; Network society and Informationalism; World risk society and cosmopolitanism; McWorld and jihad.
- 5. Global Culture and Cultural Flows:** Three paradigms of cultural globalization – differentialism, convergence, and hybridization; Cultural imperialism; Creolization; Hybridity and glocalization; World culture; McDonaldization; Globalization of nothing.
- 6. Migration in a Globalized World:** Interactive nature of migration and globalization; Globalization and migration management; Cross-cutting issues; Potentials and problems of migration; Impact of globalization on migration
- 7. Global Environmental Flows:** Differences among nation-states; Leading environmental problems; Global responses; Global climate change.
- 8. Negative Global Flows and Processes:** Dangerous imports; Borderless diseases; Crime; Terrorism; War; Impact of negative global flows on individuals.
- 9. Inequality:** Global inequality; Race and ethnicity; Gender; Rural–urban inequality
- 10. Future of Globalization:** Dealing with globalization; resisting globalization; clashing civilizations - international cultures, Wither the state? Globalizing politics; New World chaos - globalizing cultures; Future of globalization; Real World.

## Recommended Books

- El-Ojeili, C., and Hayden, P. (2006). *Critical Theories of Globalization*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Featherstone, M. (ed.) (1990). *Global Culture: Nationalism, Globalization and Modernity*. London, Thousand Oaks, and New Delhi: Sage.
- Giddens, A. (1991). *The Consequences of Modernity*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Held, D., and McGrew, A. (eds.). (2003). *The Global Transformations Reader: An Introduction to the Globalization Debate*, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Polity Press.
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