

University of Dhaka

Institute of Information Technology (IIT)

Lesson Plan

Course Code & Title:	GE 105 Introduction to Sociology
Semester:	1st Year 1st Semester BSSE 2020
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Class Schedule:	Monday: 11.00 am - 1 pm (IIT) Wednesday: 11.00 pm - 1 pm (IIT)
Course Overview:	<p>Sociology is a general study of the society and culture. Sociology studies and explains social behaviour and social institutions. In order to do so, it uses sociological imagination and sociological perspectives. A major part of sociological analysis is based on empirical research on social behaviours and institutions. Sociology is chiefly concerned with both macro and micro level analysis of communities, interactions and organizations. It traces pathways of social change and explains why society changes when it changes.</p>
Course Outline:	<p>Understanding Sociology and its emergence as an academic discipline, Society, Socialization, Sociological Research, Culture, Social Stratification, Social Institutions: Families and Intimate Relationships, Economic, Political and Religious Institutions, Cities and Urban Life, Science, the Environment, and Society, Social Change and movements</p>
Teaching Method:	Lectures, assignments, interactive sessions
Prerequisites:	Collect the reading material

Course Content / Class Schedule

LECTURE	TOPIC	TEXT	READING ASSIGNMENT
Week 1 Understanding Sociology (chapter 1)	1. What is Sociology? 2. The Sociological Imagination 3. Major Theoretical Perspectives 4. The Development of Sociology	Richard T. Schaefer, "Sociology in Modules", 2 nd ed. 2013	Chapter 1
Week 2 Society (chapter 2)	1. Gerhard Lenski: Society and Technology - Hunting and Gathering Societies - Horticultural and Pastoral Societies - Agrarian Societies - Industrial Societies - Postindustrial Societies 2. Karl Marx: Conflict	John. J. Macionis, "Sociology", 14 th ed. 2012	Chapter 4 Page: 80-85
Week 3 Socialization (chapter 3)	1. Nature Vs Nurture 2. Theories of Socialization 3. Agents of Socialization 4. Life course and Re-socialization	John. J. Macionis, "Sociology", 14 th ed. 2012	Chapter 5 pp: 100-123
Week 4 Sociological Research (chapter 4)	1. What is Scientific Method 2. The Research Process 3. Research Methods	Richard T. Schaefer, "Sociology in Modules", 2 nd ed. 2013 Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton, "Sociology", 7 th ed. 2003	Chapter 2 Page: 32-44 Chapter 2 Page: 48-66
Week 5 Culture (chapter 5)	1. What is Culture? 2. Elements of Culture - Symbols, - Language - Values and Beliefs - Norms	John. J. Macionis, "Sociology", 14 th ed. 2012	Chapter 3 Page: 54-64
In course 1 (Chapter 1- 4)			

LECTURE	TOPIC	TEXT	READING ASSIGNMENT
Week 6 Culture (chapter 5)	3. Cultural Diversity - Subculture - Multiculturalism - Counterculture - Cultural Change - Ethnocentrism and Cultural Relativism 4. Theories of Culture	John. J. Macionis, “Sociology”, 14 th ed. 2012	Chapter 3 Page: 64-77
Week 7 Social Stratification (chapter 6)	1. Systems of Social Stratification - Slavery, Caste, Estate, Class - Global Superclass 2. What Determines Social Class? - Karl Marx - Max Weber	James M. Henslin, “Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach”, 11 th ed. 2015	Chapter 7 Page: 190-199
Week 8 Global Stratification (chapter 6)	3. Maintaining Global Stratification - Neocolonialism - Multinational Corporations - Technology and Global Domination 4. Poverty and Mobility - The Underclass - Social Mobility - Types of Social Mobility	James M. Henslin, “Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach”, 11 th ed. 2015 Richard T. Schaefer, “Sociology in Modules”, 2 nd ed. 2013	Chapter 7 Page: 216- 219 Chapter 8 Page: 212-221
Week 9 Families and Intimate Relationships (chapter 7)	1. Basic Concepts of Family and Marriage 2. Change in Families and Partnership 3. Gender Inequality and ‘dark side’ of family 4. Theoretical Perspectives 5. The Transformation of Love and Intimacy	Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton, “Sociology”, 7 th ed. 2003	Chapter 10
In course 2 (from Chapter 5 - Chapter 8)			
Week 10 Economic Institutions (chapter 8)	1. The Economy: Historical Overview 2. Economic Systems 3. Work in the Postindustrial U.S. Economy 4. Corporations	John. J. Macionis, “Sociology”, 14 th ed. 2012	Chapter 16

LECTURE	TOPIC	TEXT	READING ASSIGNMENT
Week 11 Political Institutions (chapter 9)	1. Types of Authority 2. Types of Government 3. Perspectives on Politics 4. War and Terrorism	James M. Henslin, “Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach”, 11 th ed. 2015	Chapter 11 Page: 332-348
Week 12 Cities and Urban Life (chapter 10)	1. Theorizing Urbanism 2. The Development of the City - The Development of Modern City - Urbanization in the Developing World 3. Cities and Globalization - Global Cities - Cities and the Environment	Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton, “Sociology”, 7 th ed. 2003	Chapter 6
Week 13 Science, the Environment, and Society (chapter 11)	1. Science and Society - Is Science a Social and Political Endeavor? 2. Agriculture and the Environment - Global Warming and Climate Change - Organic Food and Genetically Modified Organisms - Green Revolution 3. Biotechnology and the Human Genome 4. Computers and the Internet - Digital, Social, Global Divide	Dalton Conley, “You May Ask Yourself”, 3 rd ed. 2013	Chapter 17
In course 3 (Chapter 9 - Chapter 12)			
Week 14 Social Change (chapter 12) Review Class	1. Ethics: Science, environment, society	TBD	Chapter 18

Basic texts:

1. Richard T. Schaefer. 2013. *Sociology in Modules*. 2nd edition New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.
2. Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton. 2013. *Sociology*. 7th edition New Delhi: Wiley.
3. James M. Henslin. 2015. *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach*. 11th ed. New Jersey: Pearson
4. John. J. Macionis. 2012. *Sociology*. 14th ed. New Jersey: Pearson

Reference Texts:

1. Dalton Conley. 2013. *You May Ask Yourself*. 3rd ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.
2. Metta Spencer and Alex Inkeles. 1996. *Foundations of Modern Sociology*. Canada: Prentice Hall
3. C. Calhoun, D. Light, S. Keller "Sociology" McGraw Hill, New York, 1997
4. G. J. Bryjak & M. P. Soroka "Sociology", Allyn & Bacon, 1997
5. James Petras & Henry Veltmeyer "Globalization Unmasked"
6. John J. Macionis: "Sociology"
7. Larry Siegel: "Criminology"
8. M.K. DeGenova & F. P. Rice: "Intimate Relationships, Marriages, & Families"
9. Ken Brown "An Introduction to Sociology" Polity Press, USA, 1992

Additional Reading Material:

Some hand-out notes might also be given in the classes for further reading.

Assessment Methods:

Component	Weight / percentage
In course	30% (Best 2 out of 3)
Participation	5%
Assignment and Presentation	15%
Final	50%
Total	100%

Grading System:

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	Grade Point
80% and above	A+	4.00
75% to less than 80%	A	3.75
70% to less than 75%	A-	3.50
65% to less than 70%	B+	3.25
60% to less than 65%	B	3.00
55% to less than 60%	B-	2.75
50% to less than 55%	C+	2.50
45% to less than 50%	C	2.25
40% to less than 45%	D	2.00
Less than 40%	F	0.00
Incomplete Works	I	—
Exempted (For credit transfer courses)	E	—

Students' Responsibilities:

To extract the most out of the course the students should attend the classes regularly, sit for the in - courses, remain updated about the recent activities of the class.