

Course Code: MSW 401

Credits: 02

Course Name: Social Science Concepts for Social Work

Credits Equivalent: 2 Credits (*One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures / organised classroom activity / contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work / practical / field work / Tutorial / teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/ group work; obligatory/ optional work placement; literature survey/ library work; data collection/ field work; writing of papers/ projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.*)

Course Objectives: The course is designed to

- To acquaint with basic social science concepts
- To understand the nature and development of human behaviour in socio-cultural context.
- To enable the students to integrate social science concepts to social work theory and practice

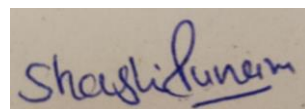
Course Outcomes: This course is offered to the students of other departments as an inter-disciplinary course. After this course the student will be in a position to understand the major social science concepts necessary for social work practice. This will also gain theoretical understanding of various socio-psychological phenomenon. This will enable them to understand the importance of theory in design and implement social work interventions for individuals, groups and communities.

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Mid Term Examination: 20%
- End Term Examination: 60%
- Continuous Internal Assessment: 20%



Course Contents:

UNIT - I: Orientation to Significant Sociological Concepts (4 Hours)

- Social Structure and Social Institution and Social Groups
- Culture: Elements in Culture, Cultural Systems and Sub Systems
- Socialisation: Meaning, Socialization and Development of Self
- Social Conformity & Social Deviation
- Social Control

UNIT - II: Social Institutions (4 Hours)

- Family: Joint and Nuclear Family, Changing Structures and Patterns of Family.
- Religion, Role of Religion in Society, Secularism
- Application of sociological concepts in social work practice

UNIT -III: Indian Polity (4 Hours)

- The Indian Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy
- Indian Judiciary and Judicial System
- Good Governance, Right to Information
- Panchayati Raj System, Urban Local Bodies

UNIT- IV: Human Psychological (4 Hours)

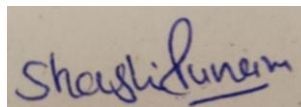
- Psychology: Meaning, Concept and its Branches
- Determinants of Human Behavior: Heredity & Environment
- Life Span Perspective of Human Development
- Concept and Theories of Cognition, Learning and Motivation, Personality

UNIT- V: Mental Health and Process: Development & Assessment (4 Hours)

- Mental Health
- Mental Retardation
- Defense Mechanism

Prescribed Textbooks:

1. Nagla, B. K. (2008). Indian Sociological Thought (Illustrated ed.). Rawat Publications
2. Johnson, Harry M. (2007), Sociology: A Systematic Introduction, New Delhi, Allied Publishers



3. Ahuja, Ram. (2001), Indian Social System, Jaipur, Rawat Publications
4. Baron, A. Robert and Byrne, D., (2010), Social Psychology, New Delhi, Pearson Publications.
5. Morgan, C.Tand King, R.A.,(2007), An Introduction to Psychology, New Delhi, Tata McGraw Hill.
6. Baron, A. Robert, (2001), Psychology,New Delhi, Pearson Publications.