

Subject: Sociology
Course Code: SOC 442
Course Name: Indian Culture
Credits Equivalent: 2

Course Objectives: This course is intended to make students familiar with the Indian Culture and Society. This course provides an adequate exposure to the students to understand the Indian perspectives on caste. And further provides an opportunity to get familiarize with the major institutions of Indian Society including family, Marriage and Kinship.

Attendance requirements:

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

Evaluation Criteria: Total Marks: 100

1. Mid Term Examination: 20%
2. End Term Examination: 60%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment: 20%

Unit I: Conceptual Understanding

- Culture: Meaning, Characteristics and Culture Related terms
- Indian Traditions and Hindu Social Organisation
- Unity in Diversity

Unit II: Marriage Patterns in India:

- Marriage: Concept, Functions and Forms
- Rules of Marriage
- Traditional Hindu Marriage
- Tribal Marriages in India

Unit –III: Caste system in India

- Emergence of Caste System in India
- Caste Vs Varna
- Change in Caste system in India

Unit –IV Family and Kinship in India:

- Family: Structure and Function
- Kinship Organisation in India: North Vs South

Unit - V Processes of Cultural Change:

- Sanskritisation
- Westernisation
- Modernisation
- Industrialisation
- Secularisation

Prescribed Readings:

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Brown, Radcliff. 1952. *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*. London: Cohen and West, Reprinted.

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