

**Course: Interdisciplinary Minor**  
**Course Title: Sociology of Indian Culture**  
**Course Code: SOC-407**  
**Credits: 2**  
**Total Hours: 20 (Theory)**

**Course Description:**

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the rich and diverse cultural landscape of India, examining its historical evolution, contemporary manifestations, and future trends. The course emphasizes the significance of cultural practices, beliefs, and institutions in shaping the Indian social fabric. Through this course, students will enhance their understanding of the complexities and dynamics of Indian culture and its impact on social, political, and economic life, with a focus on inclusivity and contemporary relevance.

**Learning Objectives:**

- To introduce students to the fundamental concepts and elements of Indian culture.
- To explore the historical and contemporary contexts of Indian cultural practices.
- To analyze the role of cultural institutions and traditions in Indian society.
- To encourage critical thinking about cultural diversity and unity in India.

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify key elements of Indian culture and their historical roots.
- Describe the evolution of various cultural practices and institutions in India.
- Critically analyze the impact of cultural diversity on social and political processes in India.
- Evaluate the challenges and opportunities associated with cultural globalization in the Indian context.

**Unit 1: Introduction to Indian Culture (4 hours)**

- Definition and Components of Culture
- Overview of Indian Culture: Diversity and Unity
- Social Institutions and Cultural Practices

**Unit 2: Religion and Spirituality in India (4 hours)**

- Major Religions in India
- Folk and Tribal Religions
- Festivals and Rituals

**Unit 3: Language and Literature (4 hours)**

- Linguistic Diversity in India
- Literature as a reflection of social structure
- Oral Traditions and Folklore

**Unit 4: Family, Marriage, and Kinship in India (4 Hours)**

- Family Structure and Function
- Types and Rules of Marriage
- Kinship Systems in India

### **Unit 5: Processes of Cultural Change (4 hours)**

- Sanskritisation
- Westernisation
- Modernisation
- Secularisation

#### **List of Readings:**

1. Ahuja, R. (1993). *Indian Social System*. India: Rawat Publications.
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3. Ghurye, G. S. (1969). *Caste and Race in India*. India: Popular Prakashan.
4. Mukerji, D. P. (1979). *Sociology of Indian Culture*. India: Rawat Publications.
5. Mukhopādhyāya, D. (1948). *Modern Indian Culture: A Sociological Study*. India: Hind Kitabs.
6. Niranjana, T. (1992). *Siting Translation: History, Post-Structuralism, and the Colonial Context*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
7. Pandey, V. (2016). *Indian Society and Culture*. India: Rawat Publications.
8. Singh, Yogendra. (1973). *Modernisation of Indian Tradition: A Systemic Study of Social Change*. India: Thomson Press.
9. Srinivas, M. N. (1995). *Social Change in Modern India*. India: Orient BlackSwan.