

HMS 5201 – SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR SOCIAL WORK

Course Objectives

- Understand the basic sociological concepts and the socio-cultural situations in Indian Society
- Learn the significance of social Institutions in social life
- Sensitize to the prevailing social issues in India and its linkage to Social Work profession
- Understand the basic economic concepts and principles for effective Social Work practice

Course Outline

Unit 1 Introduction to Sociology

- Definition, relationship between Sociology and Social Work Society: Definition, Characteristics and types of Societies Culture: Definition, Characteristics, Structure and Functions. Status & Role: Types and Characteristics
- Social Stratification: Definition and Characteristics. Caste, Class & Gender

Unit 2 Social Groups

- Definition, Characteristics and Classification of Groups, Social Interaction & Social Process- Characteristics and Types: Competition, Conflict, Co-operation, Accommodation & Assimilation
- Socialization: Definition, Characteristics, Types and Agencies of Socialization, Theories of Socialization – C.H. Cooley, Mead, Sigmund Freud & Talcott Parsons

Unit 3 Social Institutions

- Structural aspects - Norms, Values, Folkways & Mores
- Types of Social institutions: Family, Marriage, Education, Economy, Polity, Religion. Major Social Problems: Types and characteristics- Dowry, Domestic Violence, gender inequality, Juvenile Delinquency, Commercial Sex work, Child labour, Illiteracy, Poverty, Population exploitation, Alcoholism. Single parents, Corruption, Unemployment.

Unit 4 Introduction to Basic Economic Concepts

- Definition, Concepts- Economic Problems, Scarcity and Choice, Demand and Supply, National Income, Standard of Living, Per Capita Income.
- Introduction to Economic Systems: Capitalism, Socialism, Communalism, Mixed economy. Global Institutions-World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization. Globalization and its impact on Indian Economy
- Multi National Corporations and their effects on Indian Economy

Unit 5 Gender and Development

- Definition, Meaning, related concepts- gender sensitivity, gender mainstreaming, gender discrimination; gender based violence, gender budget, gender and empowerment. Important policies and legislations for gender based development. Changing perspectives on gender.

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