

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology

MA Sociology

SYE 508 Classical Themes in Sociological Analysis

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Learn theoretical and methodological issues in sociological thinking.
- CO2. Theoretical analytical abilities.
- CO3. Research orientation in major theoretical perspectives.
- CO4. Issues which have shaped the sociological thinking.
- CO5. Theoretical relevance and analytical utility theoretical perspectives.
- CO6. Understanding of major sociological perspectives.
- CO7. Major theoretical themes in sociological analysis
- CO8. Philosophical arguments in explanation of social reality

Objectives:

This course is intended

- 1. To introduce the students to the substantive, theoretical and methodological issues which have shaped the sociological thinking.
- 2. To understand the theoretical relevance and analytical utility of the theoretical perspectives in understanding social structure and change.
- 3. To develop the understanding of major sociological perspectives.
- 4. To develop the analytical abilities of the students.
- 5. To develop research orientation of the students with the understanding of major theoretical perspectives.

UNIT – I Positivism:

Hrs - 10

- a. Comte's positive philosophy
- b. Durkheim's social facts

UNIT – II Rationality:

Hrs - 09

- a. Weber's rationality and types
- b. Rationalisation of society – bureaucracy

UNIT - III Dialectical Materialism:

Hrs - 10

- a. Class struggle and alienation – Karl Marx

- b. Conflict functionalism – Simmel, Coser

UNIT – IV Social Interactionalism:

Hrs - 09

- a. **Symbolic interactionalism** – H Blumer
- b. Ethnomethodolgy – Garfinkel; Dramaturgy - Goffman

UNIT – V Phenomenology:

Hrs - 09

- a. **Sociological phenomenology** – Schultz, Hurssel
- b. Grounded theory

Reference Books:

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