



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 Interactionism:

Hrs - 09

- a. **Symbolic interactionism** – H Blumer
- b. Ethnomethodology – Garfinkel; Dramaturgy - Goffman

UNIT – V Phenomenology:

Hrs - 09

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

Reference Books:

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