MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology

SYS 504 Sociology of Religion

Course Outcome:

CO1. Understand concepts and key interpretations of religion
CO2. Interface between religion and society in India.
CO3. Analyse social change in relation to religion.
CO4. Construct the local knowledge on culture and nature of religion.
CO5. Introduce sociology of religion.
CO6. Basic concepts and key interpretations of religion

Objectives

The main objectives of the course are
1. To provide an additional capacity for the students to discover enough about the society and the religion.
2. To enable the students to construct the local knowledge on culture and nature of the religion.
3. To introduce the students to the subfield of sociology of religion.
4. To analyse the basic concepts and key interpretations of religion
5. To focus on the interface between religion and society in India.
6. To analyse social change in relation to religion.

UNIT - I : Introduction: **Hrs -14**
   a. Meaning and scope of sociology of religion
   b. Elements of religion
   c. Religions of India – Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism

UNIT - II : Sociological Interpretation of Religion: **Hrs - 12**
   a. Emile Durkheim
   b. Karl Marx
   c. Max Weber

UNIT - III : Organization of Religion: **Hrs -12**
   a. Forms of religion
   b. Religious sects and popular cults
   c. Growth and decline of denominations

UNIT – IV : Religion and State: Hrs -12
  a. Fundamentalism and nationalism
  b. Religious minorities and their religious rights
  c. Religion and civil society

UNIT - V : Religion and Social change: Hrs -14
  a. Religious factors for social change
  b. Secularisation and future of religion
  c. Globalisation and religion

Reference Books

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