

# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



## Syllabus Department of Sociology

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Subject: Sociology

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412001	Classical Sociological Theory	4
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	<b>Total=</b>	<b>36</b>

## Detailed Syllabus

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412001</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Classical Sociological Theory</b>			

1. **Historical setting in which sociology appeared as a discipline:** Socio-economic and political changes leading to the modern Europe; French revolution and Industrial Revolution
2. **Auguste Comte:** Positive philosophy; hierarchy of the sciences: the three stages of development
3. **Herbert Spencer:** Evolution: society from simple to compound, militant and industrial societies; structure and function and social Darwinism.
4. **Karl Marx:** Historical and dialectical materialism; concepts of labour, surplus value and alienation; modes of production, transition from feudalism to capitalism and Asiatic mode of production; class and class conflict and conception of socialism and communism.
5. **Emile Durkheim:** Social fact and his methodology; division of labour, social solidarity, mechanical and organic societies; theory of suicide; religion and society.
6. **Max Weber:** Social action, types of social action; Ideal and pure type; types of authority and bureaucracy.
7. **Vilfredo Pareto:** Logico-experimental method; circulation of elites and social change.

### Books Recommended:

George Ritzer, *Classical Sociological Theory*, New York: McGraw Hill. 1992

Doyle Paul Johnson. *Sociological Theory: Classical Founders and Contemporary Perspectives*. New York :Wiley. 1981

Lewis Coser, *Masters of Sociological Thought*. 2nd Ed. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1977

Raymond Aron. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*, 2 Vols. New York : Basic Books, 1965

Marx, Karl. *The communist manifesto*

Morrison, Ken: *Thoughts of Karl Marx*.

কাজী তোবারক হোসেন ও মুহাম্মদ হাসান ইমাম (সম্পাদিত): আধুনিক সমাজবিজ্ঞানের চিন্তা ও তত্ত্ব

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412003</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Rural and Urban Sociology</b>			

**Part-A: Rural Sociology**

**(Credits: 2)**

1. (a) Definition, nature, scope and importance of rural sociology  
(b) Origin and growth of rural sociology
2. Agrarian structure
  - (a) Land ownership and labour
  - (b) Changing agrarian structure
  - (c) Development of capitalistic agriculture
3. Rural Social structure
  - (a) Class structure
  - (b) Power structure—formal and informal power structure
  - (c) Patron-client relationship
  - (d) Social mobility
4. Social Inequality and Poverty in rural society
5. Social change in rural society
  - (a) Rural- urban interaction and changes in economy and culture
  - (b) Changes in social institutions and life style
  - (c) Recent changes in rural society of Bangladesh

**Books Recommended:**

Chitamber, *Rural Sociology*

Katar Singh, *Rural Development: Principles, Policies and Management*, New Delhi: SAGE, 1999

Teodor Shanin (ed.), *Peasant and Peasant Society*, Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1988 Latest ed.

A.R. Desai, *Rural sociology in India*

Norman Long, *An Introduction to Sociology of Rural Development*

Hossain Zillur Rahman & Mahbub Hossain (ed.), *Rethinking Rural Poverty in Bangladesh: A case study*

আসহাবুর রহমান (সম্পাদিত), ১৯৯৭, *বাংলাদেশে কৃষিপ্রশ্ন: তত্ত্ব ও বাস্তবতা*, ঢাকা: ইউনিভার্সিটি প্রেস লিমিটেড।

কামাল সিদ্দিকী	:	বাংলাদেশের গ্রামীণ দরিদ্র : স্বরূপ ও সমাধান
আসাবুর রহমান	:	বাংলাদেশের কৃষি কাঠামো : কৃষক সমাজ ও উন্নয়ন
কাজী তোবারক হোসেন ও মুহাম্মদ হাসান ইমাম (সম্পাদিত):		বাংলাদেশের গ্রাম
মাহবুব হোসেন	:	বাংলাদেশের পল্লী উন্নয়ন : সমস্যা ও সমাধান
গাজী সালেহ উদ্দিন	:	বাংলাদেশের ভূমিসত্ত্ব, ভূমি সংস্কার ও গ্রামীণ উন্নয়ন
বোরহান উদ্দিন খান জাহাঙ্গীর	:	গ্রামাঞ্চলে ধনতন্ত্রের বিকাশ
আনু মুহাম্মদ	:	বাংলাদেশের গ্রামীণ সমাজ ও অর্থনীতি

## Part-B: Urban Sociology

(Credits: 2)

### I. Introduction:

- Definition and subject-matter of urban sociology
- Social and cultural contexts of the emergence of urban sociology
- Urban sociology as a field of study in Bangladesh

### 2. Historical Pattern of urban Growth

- Preconditions of city life and ancient urbanization: Sjoberg & Childe
- The rise of medieval town in Europe: Weber, Pirenne
- Pre & post colonial cities in India and Bangladesh
- Capitalism and the rise of the industrial cities

### 3. Neighbourhoods

- Definition approaches
- Types of neighbourhood
- Functions of neighbourhood

### 4. Social Stratification and the Metropolis

- Class differences and spatial location: upper class, middle class
- Working class, working poor and the underclass
- Women and space: women and urban political economy, women and the environment
- Ethnicity and residential segregation

### 5. Metropolitan problems

- Urban poverty: racism, gender and under class
- Crime and drugs
- Housing: Suburban inequalities, homelessness

**6. Urban Culture:** Urbanism as a way of life, characteristics of urban culture, changing urban culture: modernization and revivalism

### Books Recommended:

- Flanagan, William G., *Contemporary Urban Sociology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) 1993
- Gottdiener, Mark. *The New Urban Sociology* (New York: McGraw-Hill). 1994
- Castells, Manuel. *The Urban Question* (Cambridge: mass: MIT-Press). 1977
- Drakakis-Smith, David. *The Third World City* (London: Routledge) 1992

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412005</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Research Methods and Statistics</b>			

### Part-A: Research Methods

(Credits: 2)

- 1. Introduction:** Social reality and social research, sociology as a scientific study of social relations, nature of scientific method, objectivity and subjectivity, objectivity in sociological research
- 2. Characteristics and Types of Social Research:** Pure research, applied research, action research, evaluation research-- purposes of social research
- 3. Basic Concepts of Social Research:** Concept, paradigm, variable, proposition, hypothesis, theory, generalization, model, observation, method, methodology, data, unit of analysis, levels of measurement
- 4. Methods of Social Research:** Historical method, observation method, comparative method, case study, social survey, content analysis, document study
- 5. The Research Design:** Statement of research problem, objectives of research, statement of hypothesis, review of literature, conceptual framework, methodology-- data collection- processing and analysis of data, citation and bibliography, time budget, financial budget etc.
- 6. Research and Theory:** Theory construction and explanation, Elements of theory, formats of theory, types of theory construction

#### **Books Recommended:**

1. Babbie, *Survey Research Methods*. London: Wordsworth, 1990
2. Bryman and Burgess (eds.), *Analyzing Qualitative Data*. London: Routledge, 1994
3. Nachmias and Nachmias, *Research Methods in Social Sciences London*: St. Martin's Press, 1981
4. Lawrance Neuman, *Social Research Methods*

### Part-B: Social Statistics

(Credits: 2)

- 1. Introduction:**
  - a. Definition, meaning, nature and Scope of Statistics in Sociology
  - b. Functions of Statistics: Uses and abuses, Limitations of Statistics
  - c. Levels of measurement: nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio
- 2. Presentation of data:**
  - a. Frequency distribution and frequency table
  - b. Proportion, percentage, ratio, and rate
  - c. Tabulation: Univariate and multivariate tables, graphical presentation of data
- 3. Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion:**
  - a. Mean, median, mode
  - b. Range, mean deviation, standard deviation, coefficient of variation (c.v.)
- 4. Measures of Association:**
  - a. Chi-square test, Pearson's Product Moment Coefficient of correlation
  - b. Regression analysis, Rank Order correlation, Analysis of Variance: (ANOVA)
  - c. Normal Distribution:**
    - a. Nature and characteristics of normal distribution
    - b. Areas under normal curve
    - c. Significance of normal curve, standard score: z- test, student's t-test
  - d. Sampling:**
    - a. Definition and meaning of sampling

- b. Functions and importance of sampling
- c. Types of sampling and determination of sample size

**Books Recommended:**

1. Blalock, *Social Statistics*
2. Loether & McTavish, *Descriptive and Inferential Statistics: An Introduction*
3. Mueller & Schuessler, *Statistical Reasoning in Sociology*
4. Walsh, A., *Statistics for Social Scientists*

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412007</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Social Problems</b>			

**1. The Sociology of Social Problems**

- Nature of social problems
- Sociological approaches
- Theoretical perspective on social problems
- Research on social problems in developing countries

**2. Population and Environment**

- Nature and the scope of the problem
- Population growth in developing countries
- Malthusian trap

**3. Urbanization**

- Definition of urbanization and urbanism
- Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation
- Nexus among over-urbanization, growth of slum and poverty

**4. Culture in the Age of Globalization**

- Diffusion of culture and cultural globalization
- Impact of cultural imperialism in developing countries
- Threat and challenges to indigenous and local culture in developing countries

**5. Social Inequality**

- Nature and scope of the problem
- Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group, lower class and economic vulnerability
- Social inequalities in developed and developing countries

**6. Health and Illness**

- Nature & scope of the problem
- Urbanizations, acute, chronic and life style diseases
- Social, environmental and behavioural factors affecting health
- Communicable and behavioural diseases: STD, HIV/AIDS, TB, Hep-B etc.

**7. Institutional Problems**

- The educational system
- The workplace
- The family
- The health care system.

**8. Crime, Delinquency and Deviance**

- Drugs, alcoholism and crime
- Peer group pressure, deviance and crime

**9. Prostitution, Pornography and the Sex Trade**

- Sex trade and collapse of social control and morality
- Prostitution, pornography, social stigma and discrimination

**10. Natural Disaster and Environmental Problems**

- Climatic variability and its impact on society
- Natural disaster and social crisis in developing societies

**Books Recommended:**

1. Mecheal Mckee & Lan Robertson, 1980. Social Problems
2. Merton and R.A. Nisbet (eds.), 1971. Contemporary Social Problems. New York: Harcourt

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412009</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Political Sociology</b>			

**1.0 Definition, Nature, Scope and Importance of Political Sociology:**

- Its relationship with other branches of social sciences
- Approaches to sociological analysis of political issues

**2.0 Major Concepts of Political Sociology:**

- Political culture, political socialization, political communication
- Political polarization, political modernization, political mobility & political development
- Political movement, political ideology, political behaviour

**3.0 Theories Regarding the Origin of State:**

- Anthropological theories: Morgan, Lowie, Maine
- Development of sociological theories of the state: Engels
- Pluralistic theory of the state

**4.0 Relations of the State with Other Institutions & Organization:**

- State and family
- State and property
- State and law
- State and religion
- State and education
- State and government



**5.0 Sociology of the Modern State:**

- Representation and electoral system, political parties and social classes
- Political parties and pressure groups
- Leadership and Elites: civil, military and party bureaucracy

**6.0 Sociology of Movements :** conservatism, liberalism, fascism, populism, socialism and communism

**7.0 Gender, Race and the State:**

- Gender politics in developing societies
- State's policy on minority, gender and development

**8.0 Class, Power and the State:**

- Relationship between class and state
- Nexus of class, power and state

**9.0 Civil Society, Power and the State:**

Civil society's influence over power  
Nature of civil society in developing societies

**10.0 Democracy and State**

- Nature of democracy in developing societies
- Challenges to democracy in developing societies

**Books Recommended:**

1. Bottomore *Political Sociology*
2. Jangam *Political Sociology*
3. Rangalal Sen *Political Elites in Bangladesh*
4. Sharma & Ashraf *Political Sociology*

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412011</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Population Studies</b>			

**1. Understanding Population Studies**

- a. Definition and scope of population studies
- b. Relationship with other disciplines
- c. Importance of population studies and human resources
- d. Distinction between population studies and demography

**2. Theoretical Perspectives of Population Studies**

- a. Malthusian and Neo-Malthusian approach
- b. Marxist and socialist perspective
- c. Theory of Demographic Transition

**3. Nature of Demographic Data**

- a. Sources of demographic data: census, sample survey, registration system
- b. Accuracy and justification of data

**4. Age and Sex Composition**

- a. Factor determining age structure and dependency ratio
- b. Factors determining sex structure and sex ratio

## 5. Fertility

- a. Fertility concepts and measures
- b. Fertility Differentials: age — rural-urban — race/ethnicity socioeconomic status
- c. Fertility control: Davis-Blake model — contraceptive prevalence in south Asia

## 6. Mortality

- a. Definition of Mortality
- b. Mortality Differentials: sex — age — rural-urban — race/ethnicity — socioeconomic status
- c. Causes of death: cause of health differences by sex — by age — by race/ethnicity
- d. Mortality control: Basic measures and the causes of declining mortality

## 7. Migration

- a. Definition and types of migration
- b. Approaches relating to migration
- c. Causes and consequences of migration

## 8. Population Problems, Policies and Planning

- a. Population Policies of Bangladesh
- b. Role of Family Planning to control population growth
- c. Recent Planning to control population growth
- d. Recent trends of population of population growth in Bangladesh

### References:

1. Weeks. John R, *Population: An Introduction to concepts and Issues* (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth) 1999
2. Zopf: Paul E. *Population: An Introduction to Social Demography* (Palo Alto. California: Mayfield Publishing Company) 1984
3. Shryock, Henry S, Jacob S. Siegel and Associates, *The Methods and Materials of Demography*, Condensed Edition by Edward G Stockwell. (New York: Academic Press, Inc.) 1976
4. Samuel H. Preston, *Demography*
5. United Nations, *Determinants and Consequences of Population Trends, 1973*
6. United Nations,. *United Nations, World Population Perspectives. Current ed. 2001*
৭. হাসানুজ্জামান চৌধুরী , সমাজ ও জনসংখ্যা

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412013</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Social Structure of Bangladesh</b>			

1. Concept and theories of social structure
2. Bangladesh in the context of the orient and pre-capitalist western society
3. **The Bengal Frontier:** The ecological context of Bangladesh society, land, river and climate
4. **Origin and growth of Bengal villages:** Social structure of Bengal villages, land tenure system
5. **Town in Bengal:** Trade, commerce, urbanization, trading communities in Bengal.
6. **Colonialism and Bengal:** Permanent settlement and the new agrarian structure; English education and Bengal renaissance; new class structure
7. Peasant Movements in Bangladesh
8. **Social Background of the Emergence of Bangladesh:** Development of internal colonialism, 1947-1970; Language movement and the rise of Bengali nationalism

9. **Changing pattern of Inequality in Bangladesh:** Classes and status groups in contemporary Bangladesh; changing power structure; women and empowerment; poverty and social exclusion
10. **Social change in Bangladesh:** Urbanization, modernization and changing socio-cultural values; civil society, NGOs and social change

**Books Recommended:**

1. Akbar Ali Khan, *Discovery of Bangladesh*
2. Nazmul Karim, *Changing society in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh*
3. Rangalal Sen: *Political Elites in Bangladesh*
4. ড. রংগলাল সেন, সমাজকাঠামো: পুঁজিবাদ ও সমাজতন্ত্র
5. অনুপম সেন, বাংলাদেশ: রাষ্ট্র ও সমাজ

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412015</b>	-----	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Class Hours:120 hrs.</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Sociology of Development</b>			

1. **Changing Concept of Development:** Historical background of development and under development; social change growth and development; indicators and measurement of development
2. **Theoretical Perspectives on Development:** Modernization, dependency, world-systems, neo-Marxist perspectives
3. **Development of Countries in Historical Perspective:** Pre-colonial period, colonial period and post-colonial period
4. **Population and development:** Pattern of population growth, impact of population growth, population vs. resources, environment and sustainable development
5. **Industrialization:** Industrial process, pattern of industrialization, industrial policies, role of foreign capital in industrialization
6. **Urbanization:** Characteristics and pattern of urbanization, growth of megalopolises, urban problems - issues of urban governance and poverty
7. **State, Bureaucracy and Civil Society:** Nature of the state, characteristics of bureaucracy and political parties; local government governance issues  
Nature of authoritarianism and democratization, patterns of political culture, role of civil society, dynamics of democratic transition
8. **Foreign aid and trade:** Nature and role of foreign aid in development - arguments for and against foreign aid; changing pattern of trade in the age of globalism; role of multinational /transnational corporations, globalization and development
9. **Culture and development:** Role of culture in development-- traditions and modernities; cultural dependency /imperialism; globalization, culture and development

**Books Recommended:**

1. Bjorn Hettne. *Development Theory and the Three Worlds*. 1994
2. Vicky Randall and Rabin Tehobald. *Political Change and underdevelopment*. London: Macmillan. 1985 (Latest ed.)
3. Graham Harris. *The Sociology of Development*. London: Longman 1993 (Latest ed.).
4. J.E. Goldthorpe. *Sociology of the Third World*
5. হাসানুজ্জামান চৌধুরী : সমাজ ও উন্নয়ন
6. মুহাম্মদ হাসান ইমাম (সম্পাদিত) : উন্নয়ন ও অনুন্নয়ন প্রসঙ্গ
7. আমিনুল ইসলাম : উন্নয়নচিন্তার পালাবদল

<b>Paper Code:</b>	<b>412018</b>	-----	<b>Credits: 4</b>	
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>Viva-Voce</b>			