HU-115: Principles Of Sociology

Credit Hours: 3-0

Pre-requisites: None

Course Contents

a. Sociology as a social science

- i. Genesis, definition and characteristics of sociology.
- ii. Different fields of sociology.
- iii. Theoretical principles & their comparison

b. Culture & society

- i. Culture-definition, significance & cultural base.
- ii. Exponential principles values, norms, folkways, mores, values.
- iii. Group & social structure-primary, secondary, small groups, status, role & institutions

c. Social Institutions

- i. Family definition, concept, characteristics.
- ii. Biological basis & functions of family.
- iii. Education-functional, cultural & social integration and development

d. Societal Order & State Institutions

- i. Religion-definition, role & conflict analysis.
- ii. Economic order-theories, industrialization and modernization
- iii. Political order-authority, functional and conflict approaches

e. Socialization

- i. Foundations for socialization
- ii. The self and socialization
- iii. Socialization across the life

f. Social Stratification

- i. Patterns of social stratification
- ii. The class system
- iii. Social mobility

g. Deviance and crime

- i. The nature of deviance
- ii. Sociological perspective on deviance
- iii. Crime and social justice system
- h. Social change

- i. A world of change
- ii. Collector behavior
- iii. Social movements

i. The Human Environment

- i. Population and elements of change
- ii. The urban environment
- iii. The ecological environment

j. Gender Perspective

- i. Equalities and differences
- ii. Sex and gender
- iii. Families at work

k. Race and ethnicity

- i. Thinking about race and ethnicity
- ii. Theoretical approaches to race and ethnicity
- iii. Old and contemporary ethnicity

I. Social justice and Inequalities

- i. Changing perspective on inequalities
- ii. Global perspective and analysis
- iii. Cultural dimensions and human rights

m. Power in Society

- i. Power modernity and sociology
- ii. Power of elites
- iii. Plural model of power

n. Cultural globalization

- i. Globalization leads to cultural homogenization
- ii. Globalization for cultural integration
- iii. Globalization and cultural conflict resolution

Recommended Books

- Michael Hughes, Sociology-The Core the McGraw-Hill 1999
- Bernad, A, and T. Burgess, Sociology, Cambridge University Press, (2004).
- DuBrin, A.J., Human Relations: Interpersonal Job Oriented Skills, Prentice-Hall, (2007).