

## Fundamentals of Sociology

Course Code	Title of Course	Credit Hours
HU-229	Fundamentals of Sociology	2(2-0)

### Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Evaluate society and culture using sociological theories.
- Demonstrate an understanding of sociological research methods.
- Explain processes of socialization.
- Understand the ways in which social institutions are interdependent.
- Organize the components of social structure.

### Course Contents:

What is sociology? Seeing general in particular — Seeing strange in familiar — Seeing individuality in social context; Sociology and naturalistic explanations of human behavior; Sociology as social science: Principles of objectivity and value freedom; Sociological Imagination; Social class; social mobility and status; Life chances; Status: Ascribed and achieved status; Ethnicity and Gender; Sociological perspective; Structuralism: Structural Functionalism (Consensus structuralism); Conflict theory (Conflict structuralism); Interpretivism / Social action theory: Symbolic Interactionism, Structuration; Feminism; New Right Perspectives; Postmodernism; marriage and family: types of marriage, types of family, social change and family, sociological perspectives on family, and the question of whether family is a declining social institution; Social institution: including family, education, religion, work, sports, and military; Culture, human societies, and socialization: primary and secondary agents; Personality: Sigmund Freud's model of personality—ego, id, and superego, Erik Erikson's eight stages of development, Jean Piaget's cognitive development, and socialization across the life course: childhood, adolescence, early adulthood, middle age, elderly, and dying; Social interaction, groups and organizations, and deviance,: Merton's strain theory, Emile Durkheim's functions of deviance, medicalization of deviance, Sutherland's differential association theory, and Hirschi's control theory; Crime and violence: types of crime, police and courts, and punishment; Religion and society; Social media and its impact on human society; Collective behavior and its types, including crowd theories.

### Suggested Readings Text Books:

1. John J. Macionis. (2005). *Sociology* 10<sup>th</sup> Ed. Pearson.
2. Karim Murji, Neal, S., & Solomos, J. (2021). *An Introduction to Sociology*. SAGE

**Reference Books:.**

1. Frank van Tubergen. (2020). *Introduction to Sociology*. Routledge.
2. Ritzer, G., & Murphy, W. W. (2019). *Introduction to sociology*. SAGE publications.